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November 1, 2006

Office of the General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

MUR# 5875

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (Brady Campaign) hereby files this complaint against the National Rifle Association (NRA), a 501(c) (4) corporation located at 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax VA 22030 and the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund, a federally registered separate segregated fund (C00053553) connected to the NRA.

Complainant herein, the Brady Campaign, a non-profit 501 (c)(4) corporation, is asking the FEC to investigate whether the NRA is in violation of Federal Election Commission regulations and Federal Election Campaign Laws, whether the National Rifle Association has engaged in electioneering, and whether it has made illegal in-kind contributions to federal candidates by expressly advocating the election or defeat of federal candidates to the general public through it web activities

The www.NRAPVF.ORG website is not a password protected website and is accessible to the general public through the Internet. The undersigned has personally accessed this site without the use of a password on a nearly daily basis since the first week of October 2006.

The content of the <u>www.NRAPVF.ORG</u> website which is linked from NRA corporate websites and action alerts accessible to the general public, includes the following:

1) Information communicating the NRAPVF's 2006 federal endorsed candidates to the general public, beyond its restricted class, through this non-password protected website. The endorsements also serve as a portal with links to the websites of endorsed candidates. The NRAPVF is making endorsements in a large number of races for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. (Attachment #1 - Screen shot of www.NRAPVF org website home page.

Examples of the endorsement pages are included. Endorsements are available for all 50 states; we have included sample pages for MO, VA and PA. Copies of the remaining states are available in hard copy and in electronic form)

- 2) Information encouraging the general public, beyond its restricted class, to vote for its 2006 endorsed federal candidates through a non-password protected website (www.NRAPVF.ORG). (Attachment #2 Screen shot from www.NRAPVF.ORG website)
- 3) Information publicizing and encouraging the distribution of its radio and television advertising targeting specific races including the races for U.S. Senate in Virginia, Missouri, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Montana to the general public, beyond its restricted class. (Attachment #3 Screen shot of multimedia section of www.NRAPVF.org)
- 4) Information linking its non-password protected website (<a href="www.NRAPVF.ORG">www.NRAPVF.ORG</a>) from its corporate websites (<a href="www.NRAILA.ORG">www.NRAILA.ORG</a>) which are accessible to the general public and encouraging visitors to those corporate websites to visit its non-password protected website (<a href="www.NRAPVF.ORG">www.NRAPVF.ORG</a>) for information on endorsements and its election related advertising and encouraging visitors to visit (<a href="www.NRAPVF.ORG">www.NRAPVF.ORG</a>) for information before they cast their vote. (<a href="Attachment#4">Attachment#4</a> Screen shot corporate websites showing links to <a href="www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a>)
- 5) Information providing links to its non-password protected website (www.NRAPVF.ORG) in its corporate action alerts which have a distribution beyond its restricted class and are posted on its corporate websites (www.NRA.ORG and www.NRAILA.ORG), which are accessible to the general public and encouraging readers of the action alerts to visit its non-password protected website (www.NRAPVF.ORG) and distribute them to others. (Attachment #5 Screen shot of action alerts showing links to www.NRAPVF.org)
- 6) Information regarding voter registration and GOTV drives directed at visitors to <a href="https://www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a> on the same page as information communicating endorsements and expressly advocating election of defeat of federal candidates. (Attachment #6 Screen shot of multimedia section of www.NRAPVF.org)
- 7) Tools to allow the general public to email other members of the non-restricted class publicizing the website www.NRAPVF.org. (Attachment #6 Screen shot from www.NRAPVF.org)
- 8) The NRA's action alerts have been posted on numerous non-connected websites which direct visitors to the <a href="https://www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a> website, allowing the general public to view the electioneering information without a password. (Attachment #7 Screen shot from <a href="https://www.nrap.ukw.nrap.">www.nrap.ukw.nrap.

In addition, the publicizing of endorsements, publicizing of political advertisements, and links to candidate websites on www NRAPVF org constitute in-kind contributions to those candidates, which have not been reported to the FEC.

We have additional evidence and documentation, in hard copy and electronic form, available.

For the reasons stated, Complainant Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence hereby submits this Complaint against Respondents National Rifle Association and National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund asking the FEC to determine if violations of federal Campaign Laws and Federal Election Commission regulations occurred in the manner described above and if so to take appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence By: Christopher F. Carr

VP-COO

District of Columbia: SS

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, in my presence,

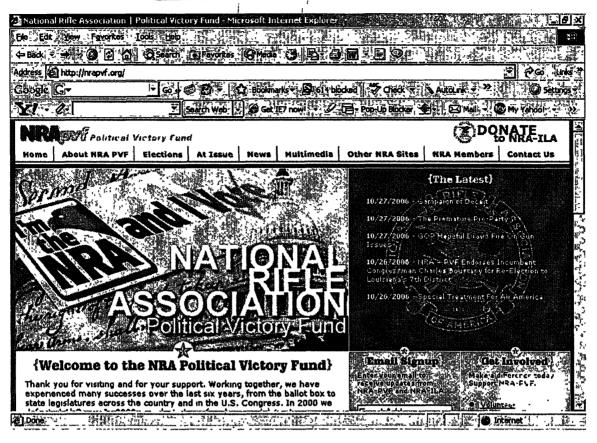
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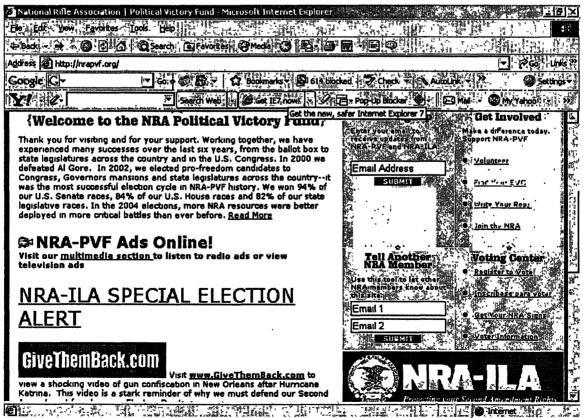
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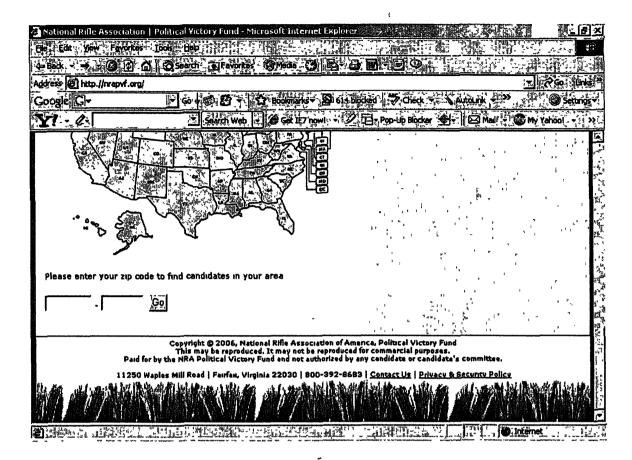


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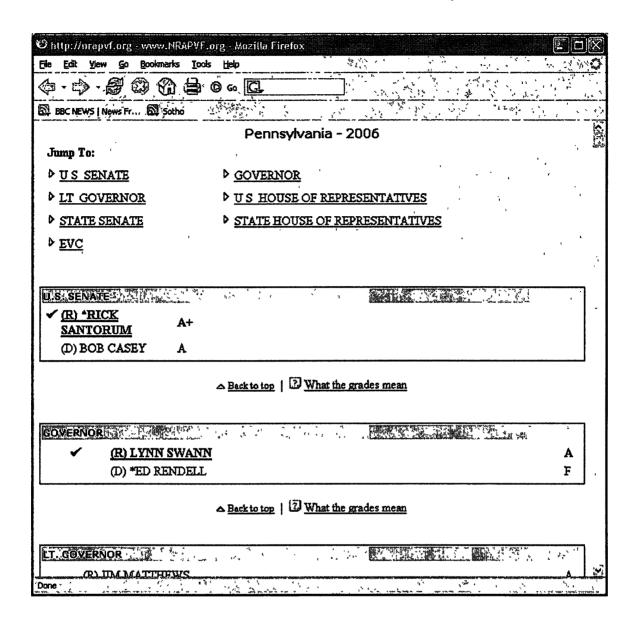




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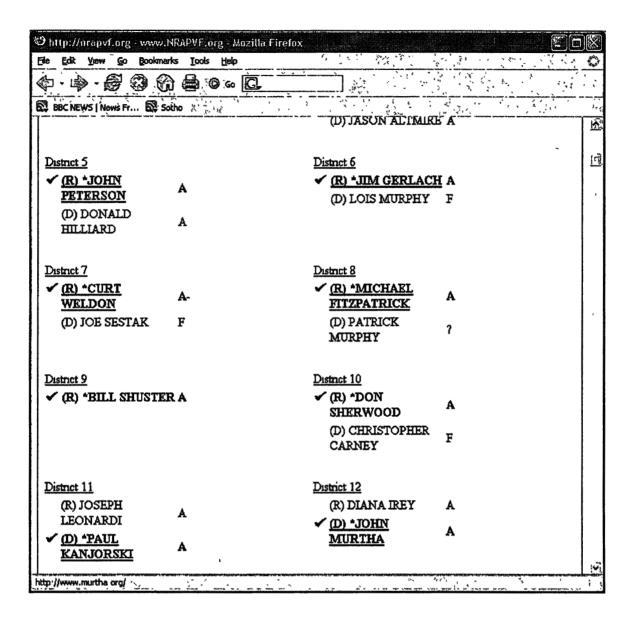
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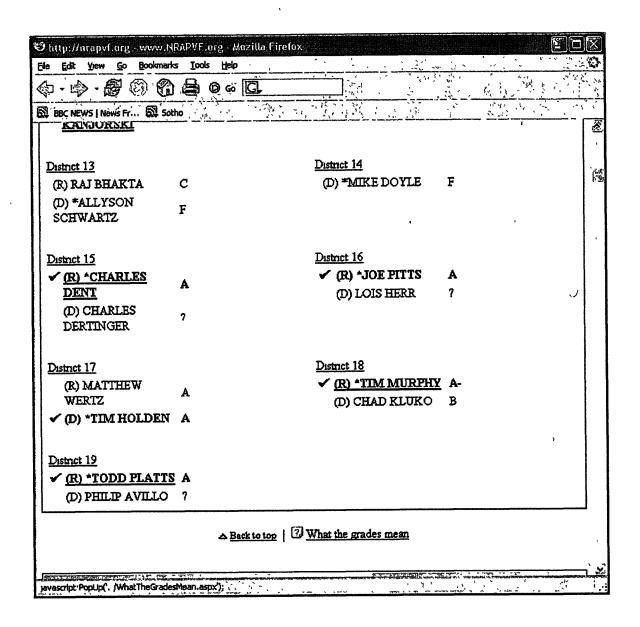
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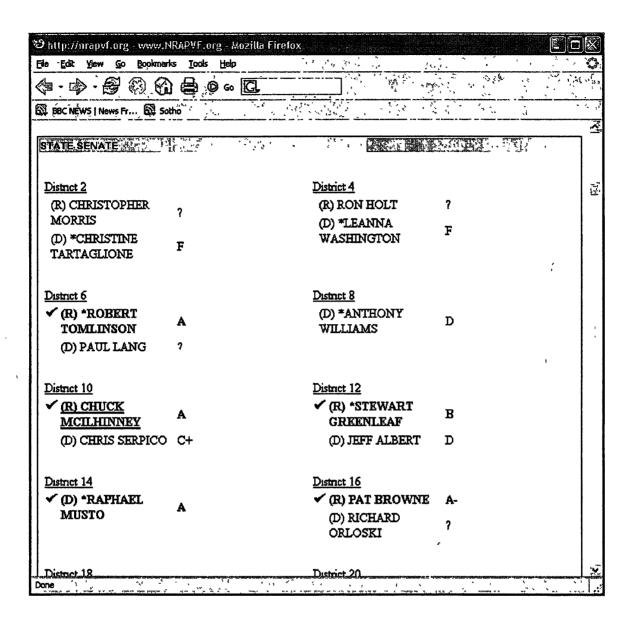


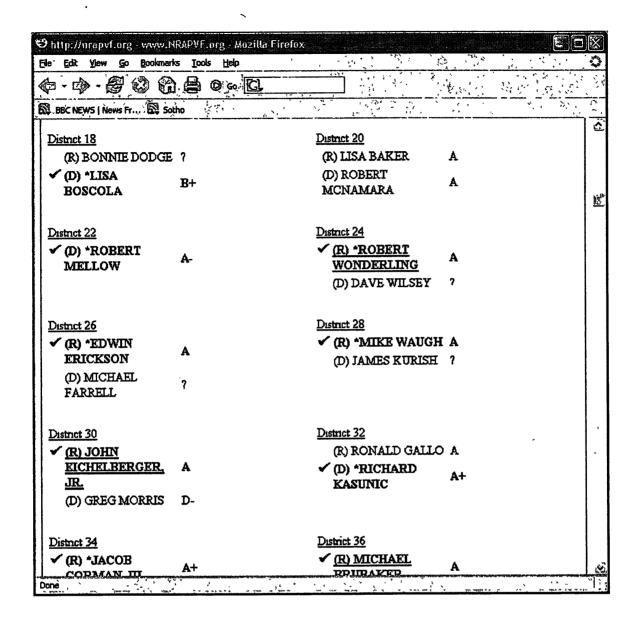
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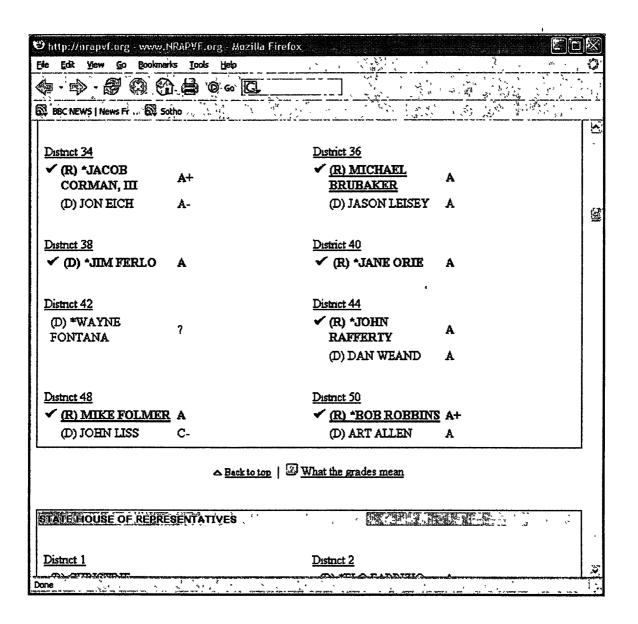
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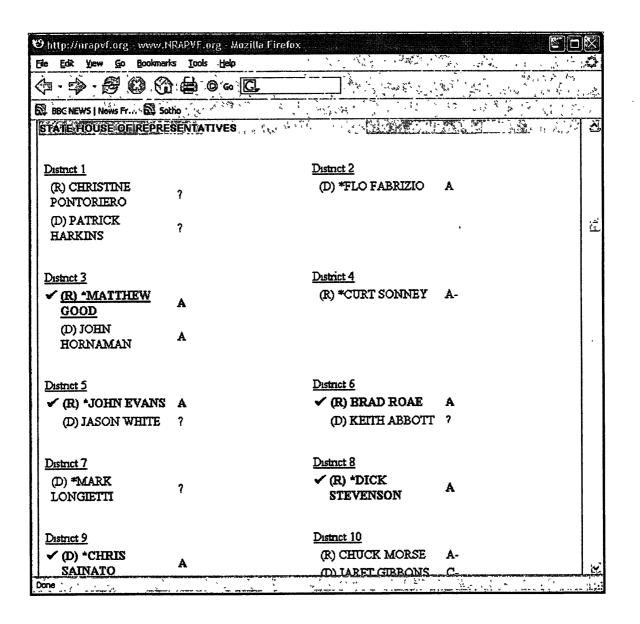


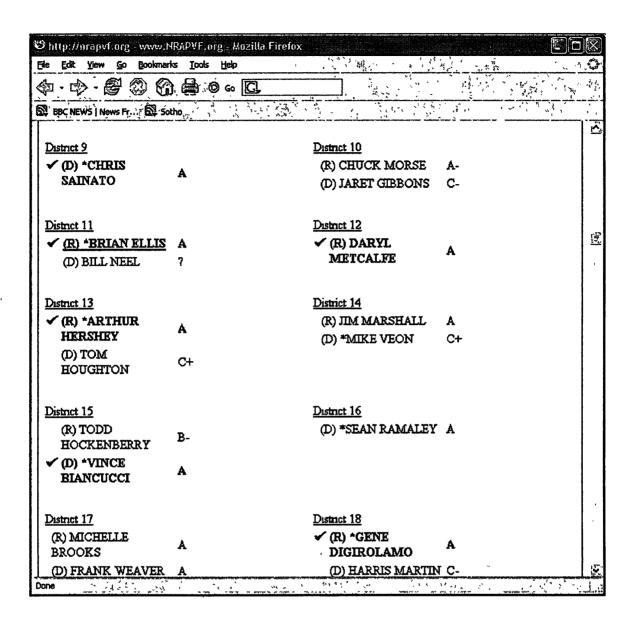


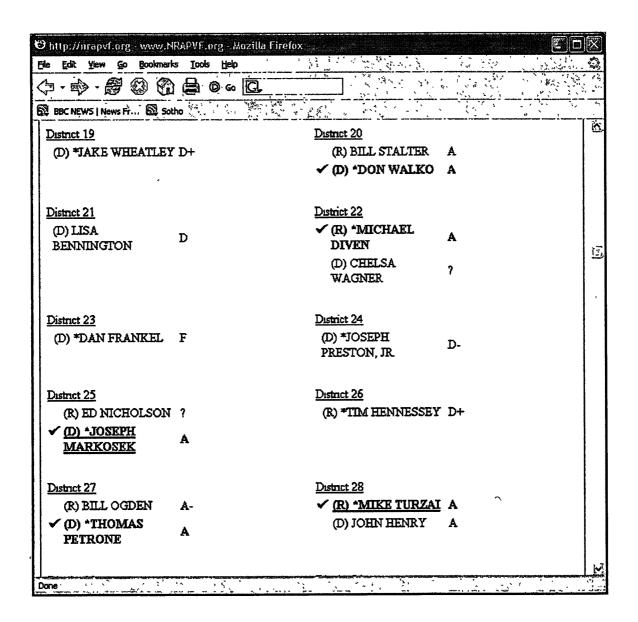


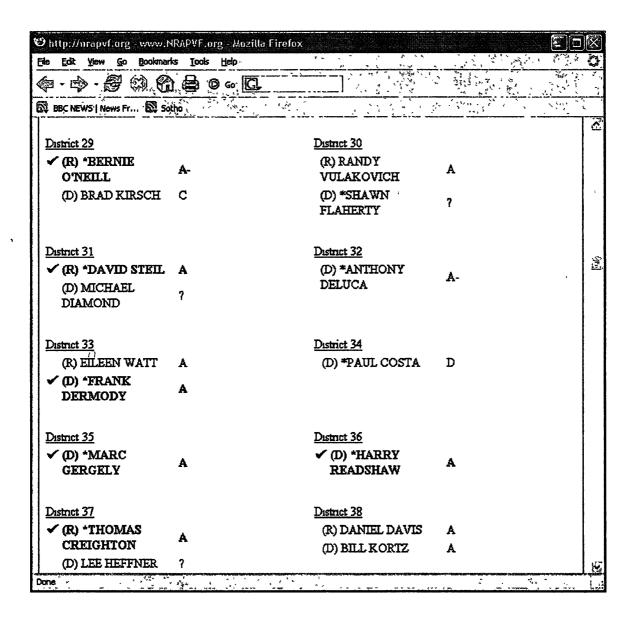




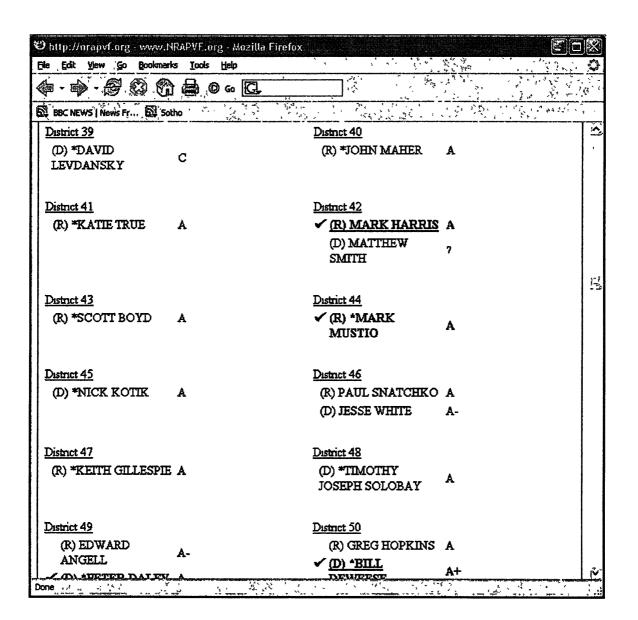


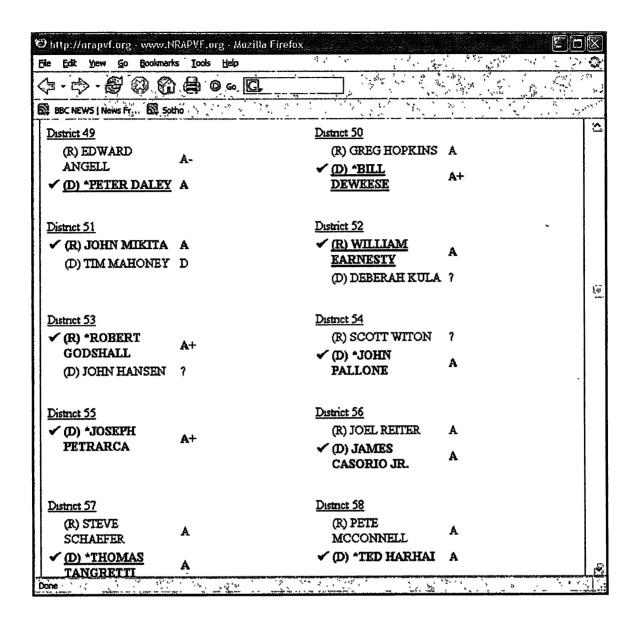


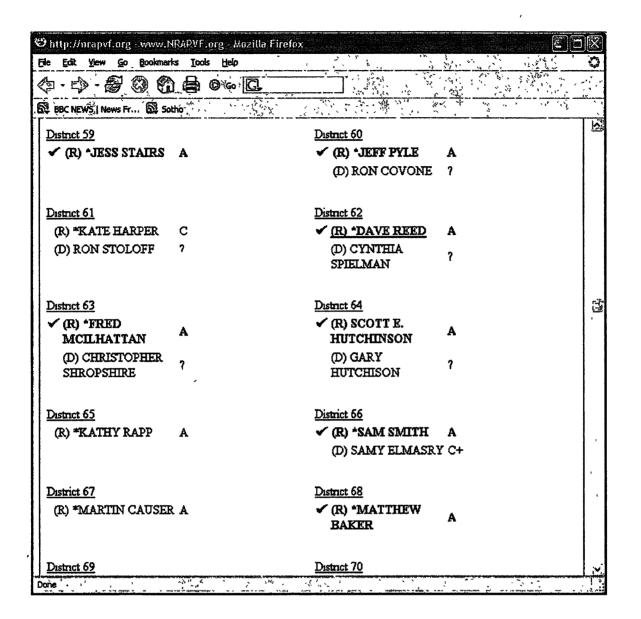


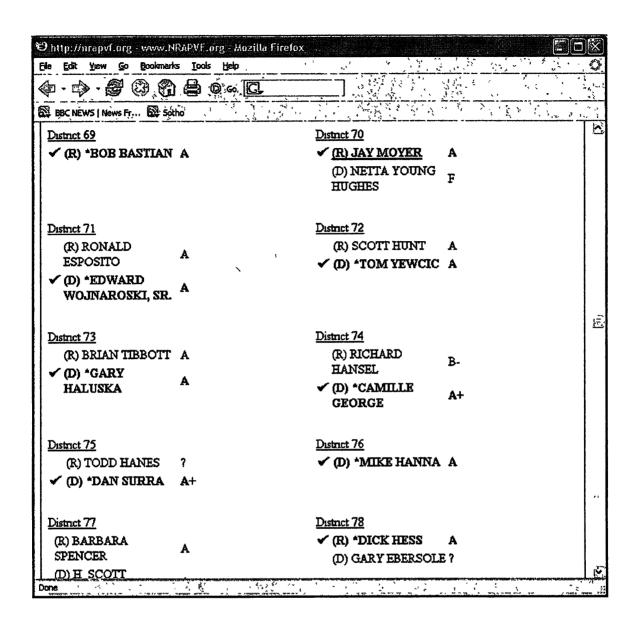


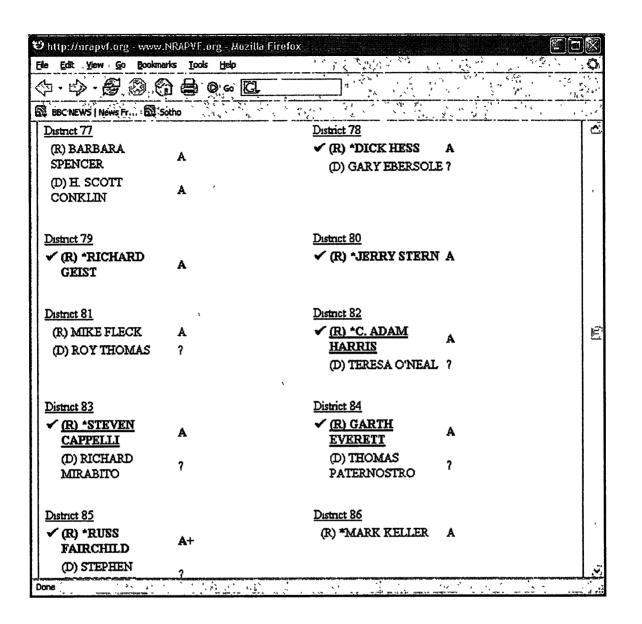
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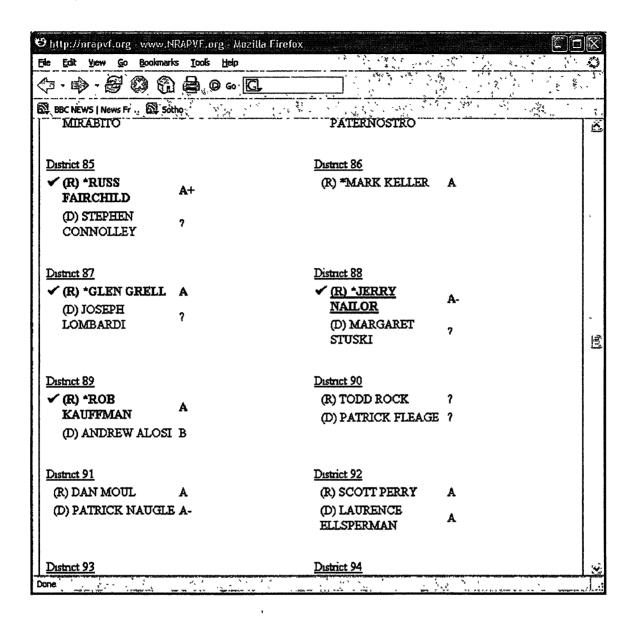


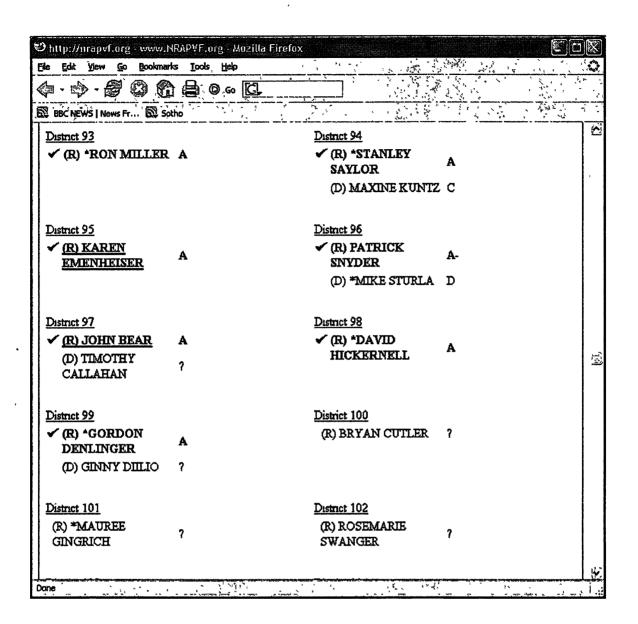


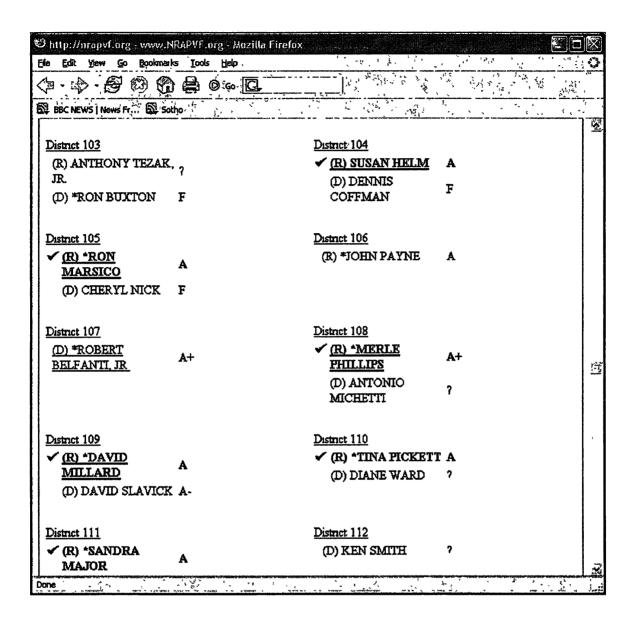


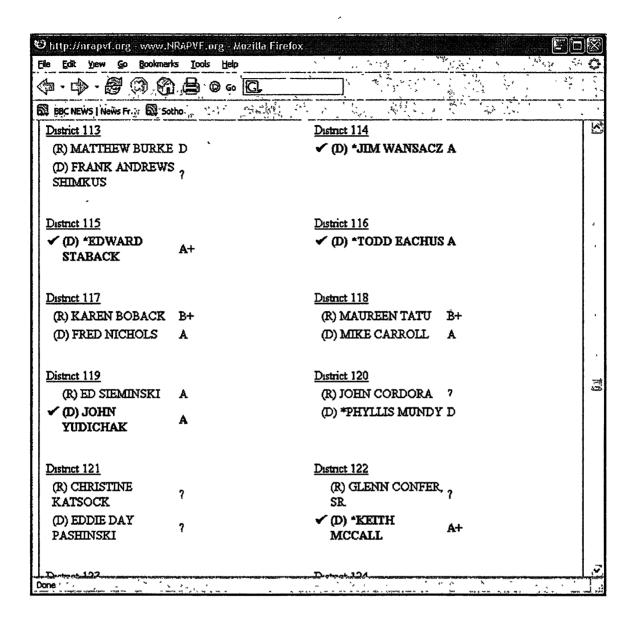


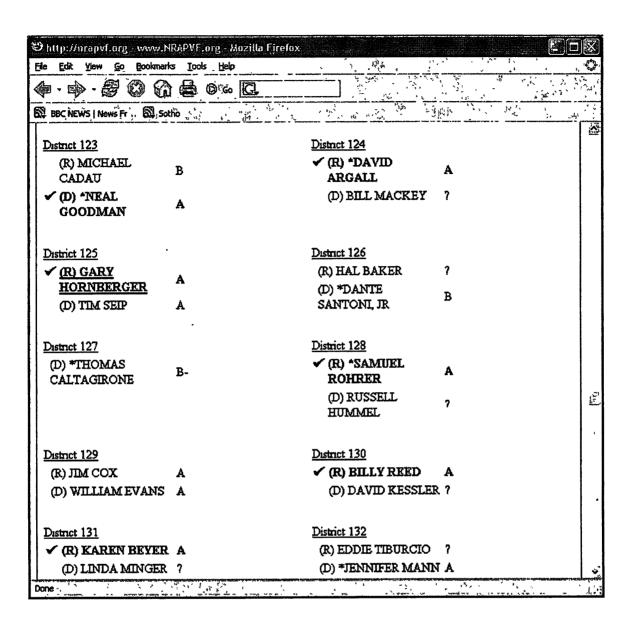


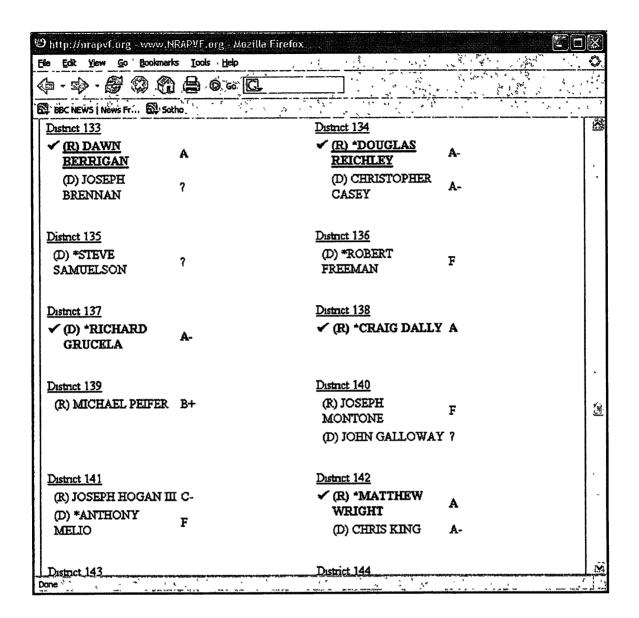


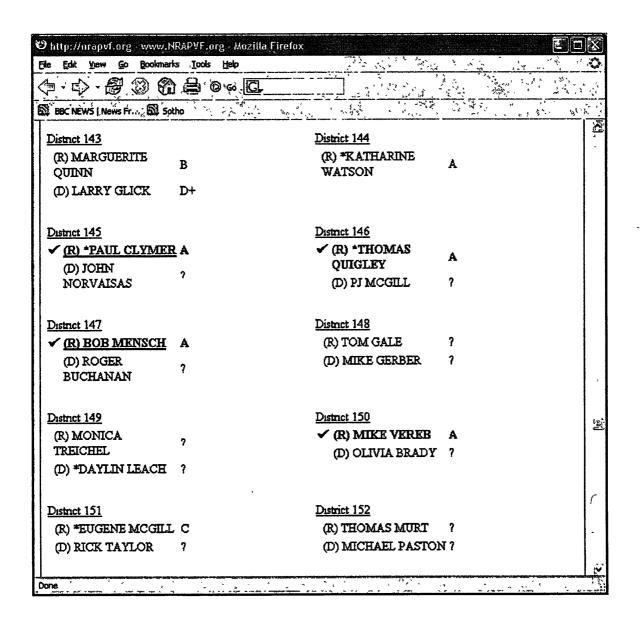


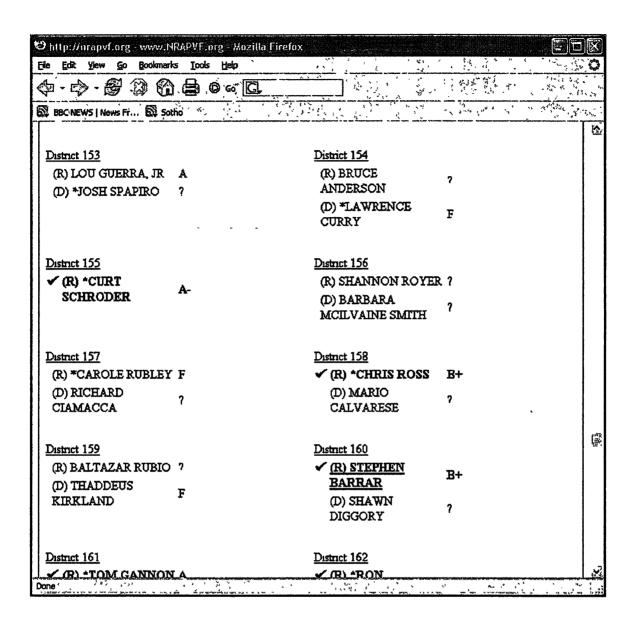


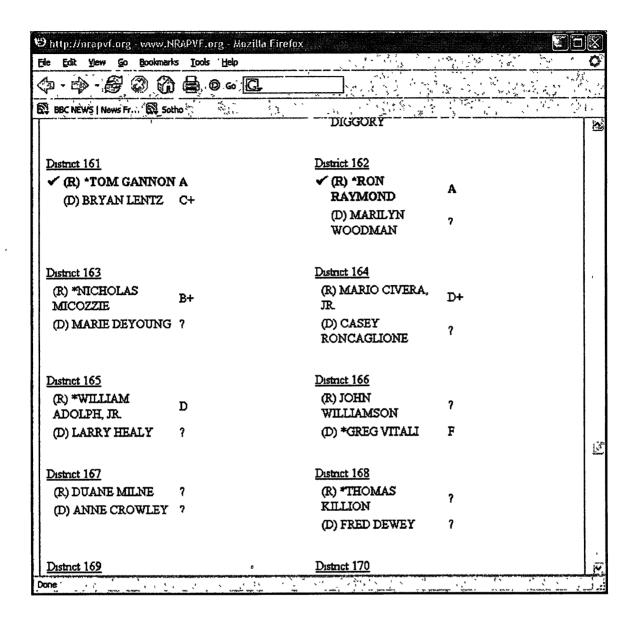


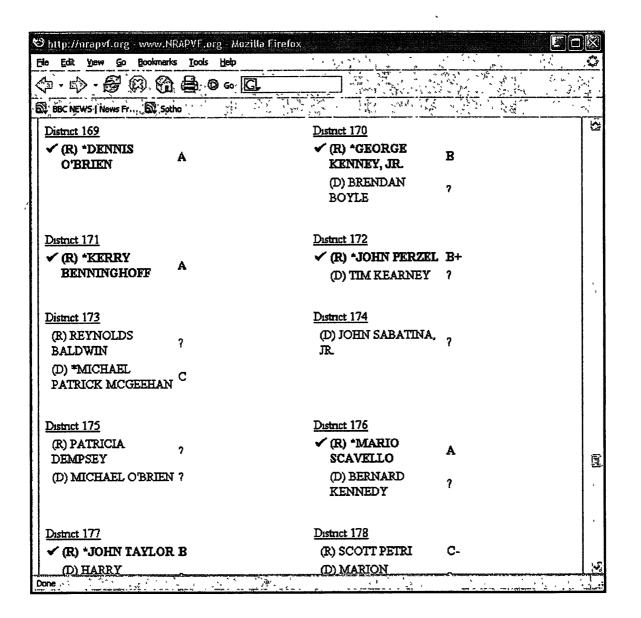


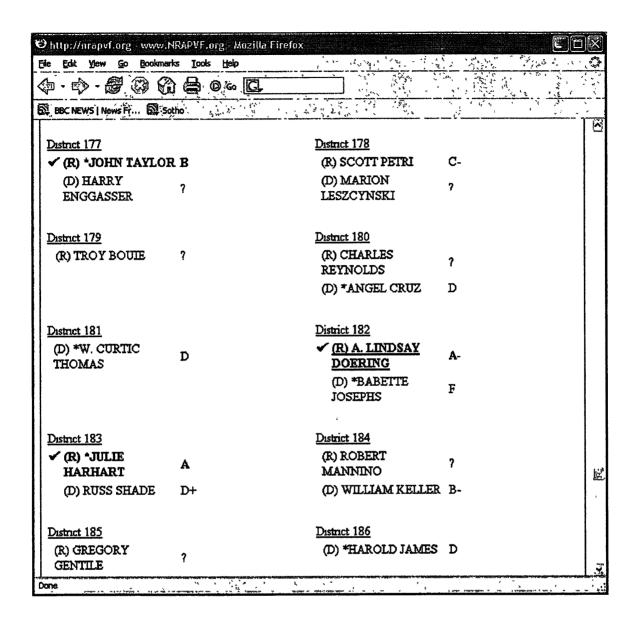


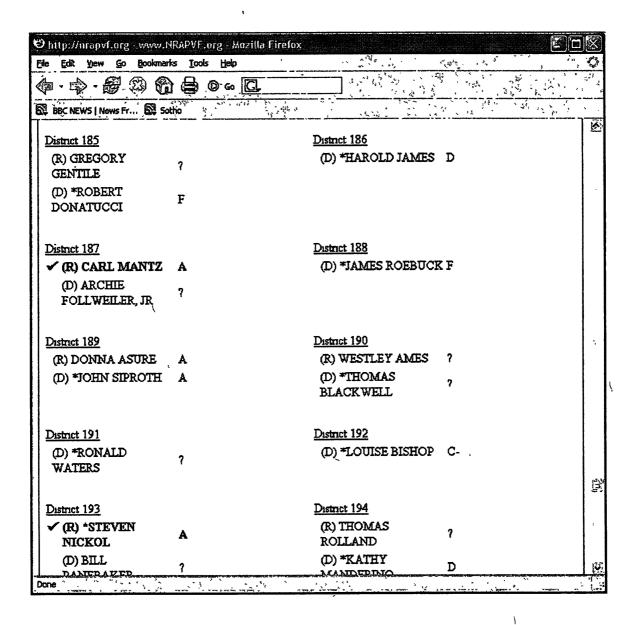


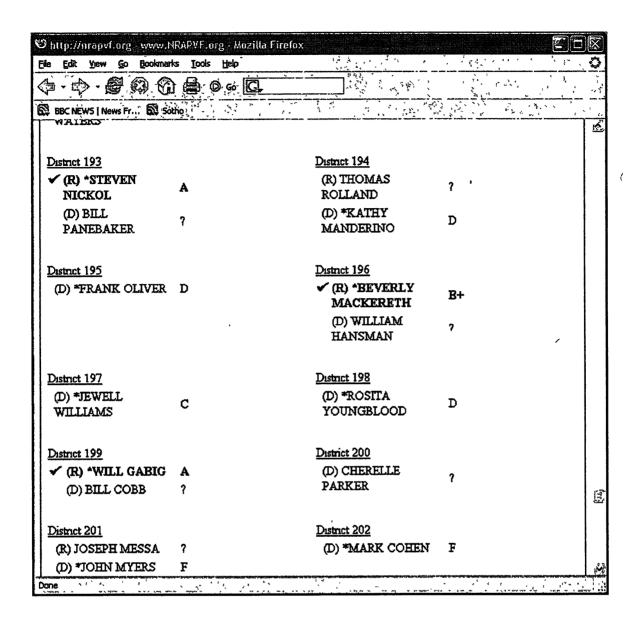


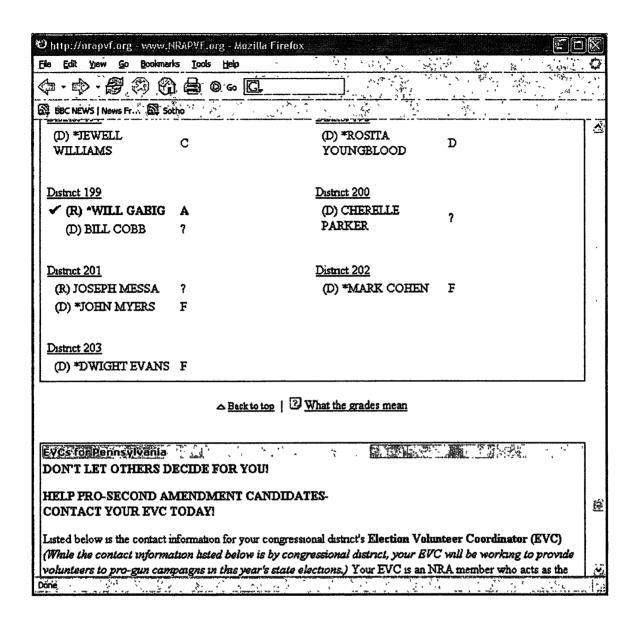






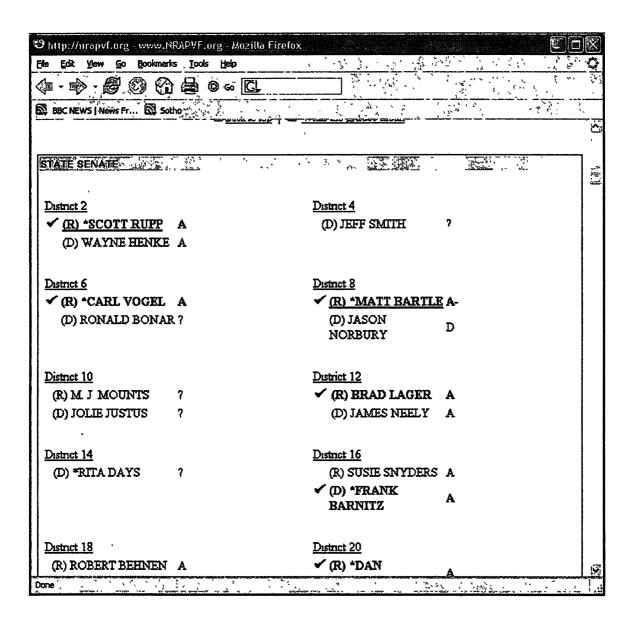


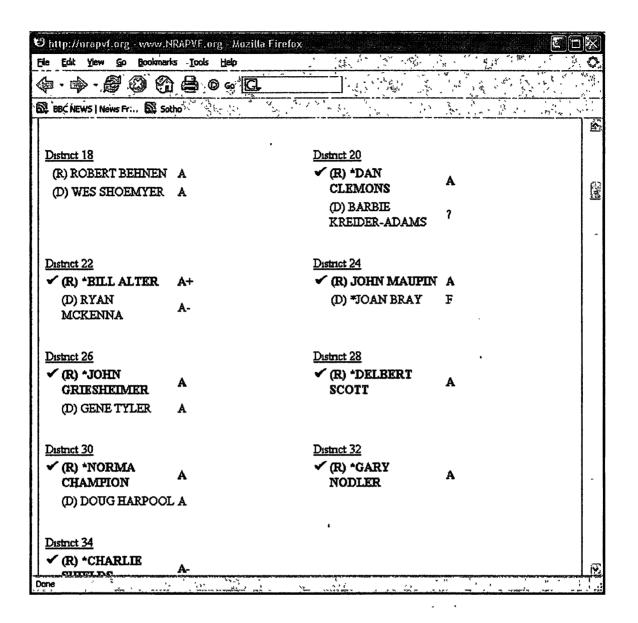


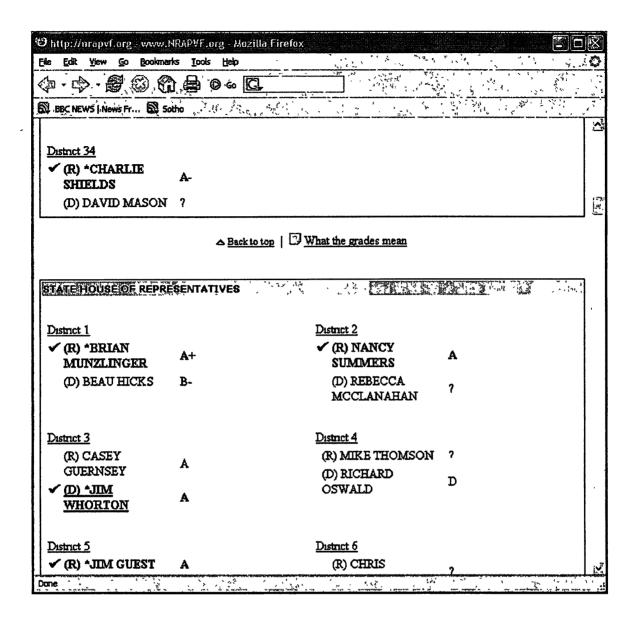


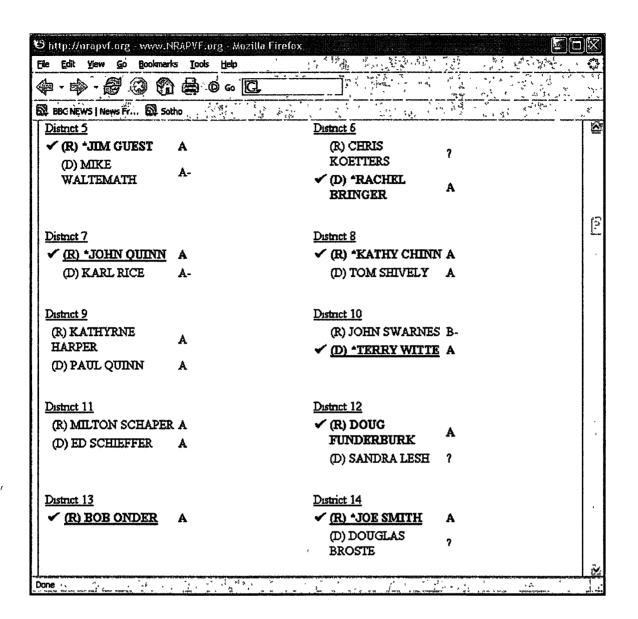
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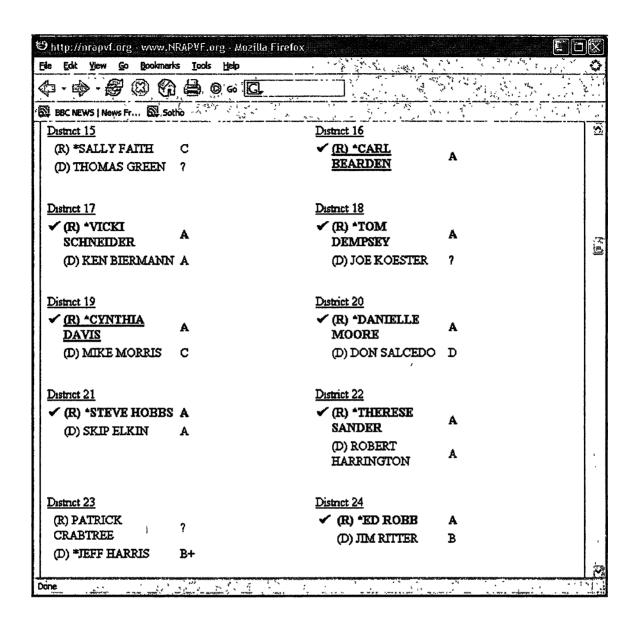
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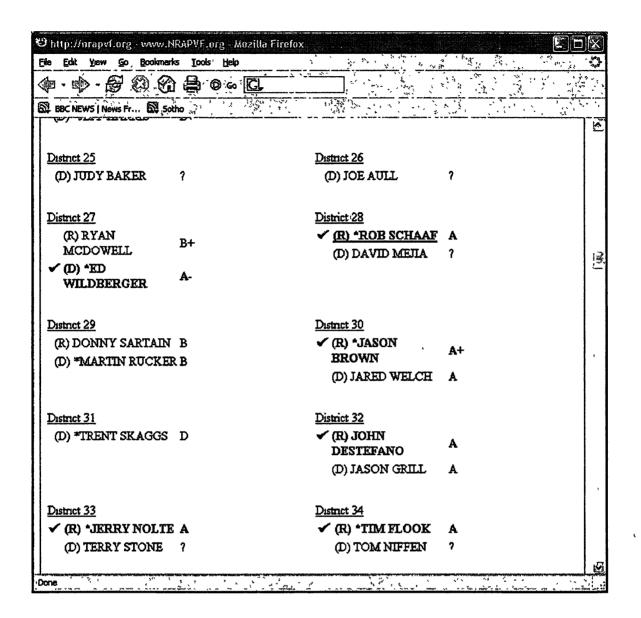


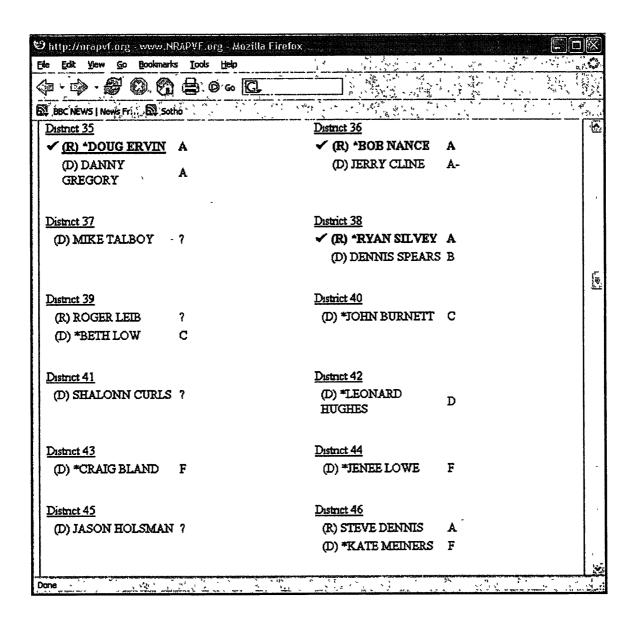


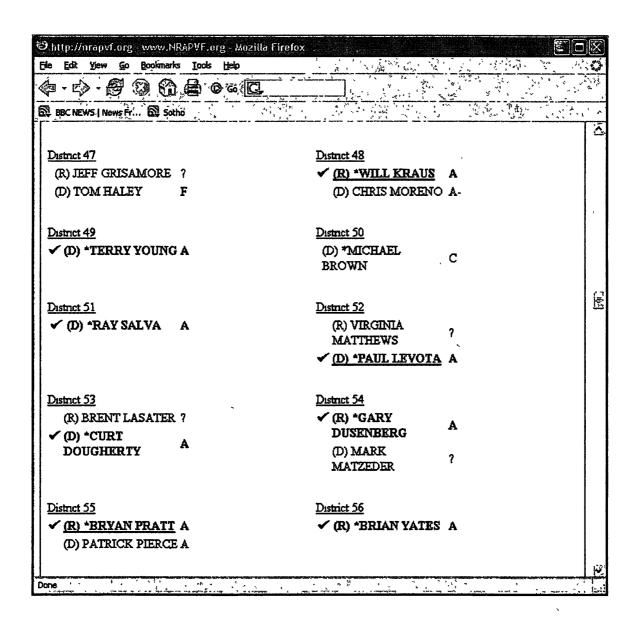


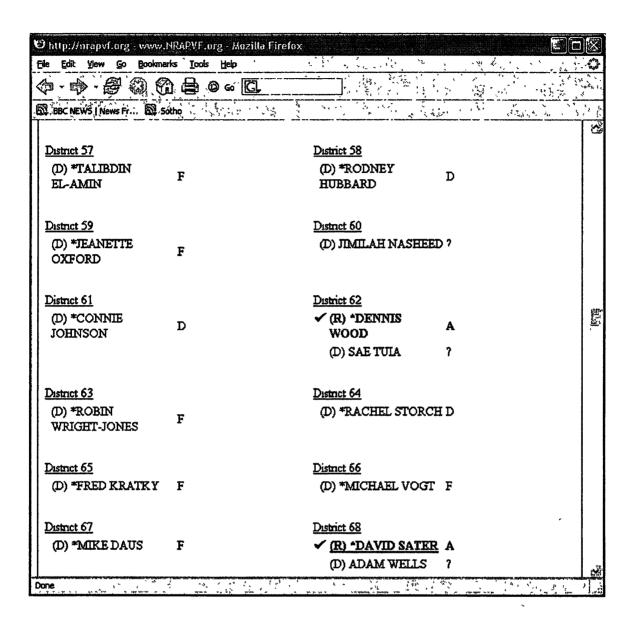


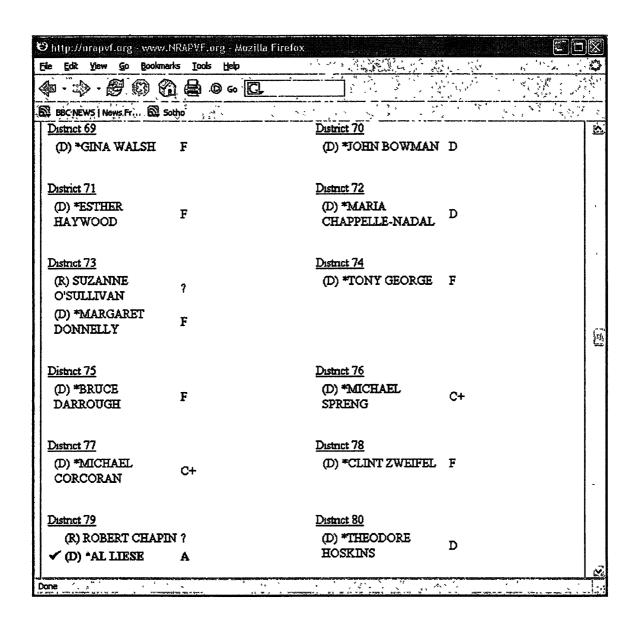


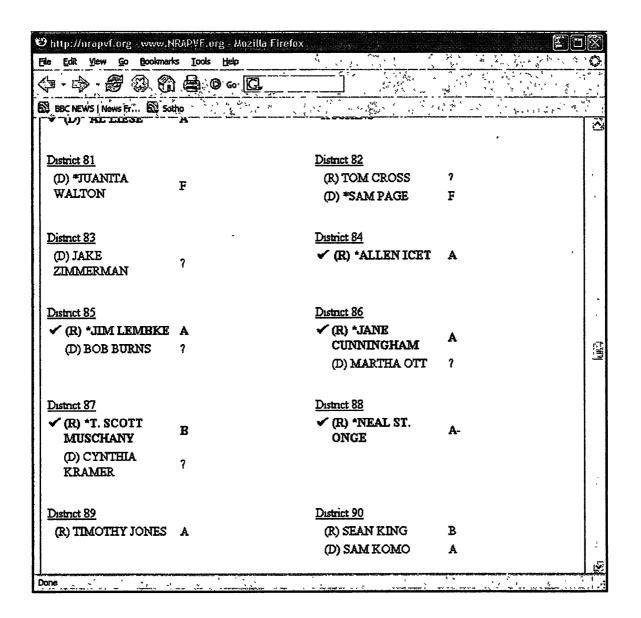


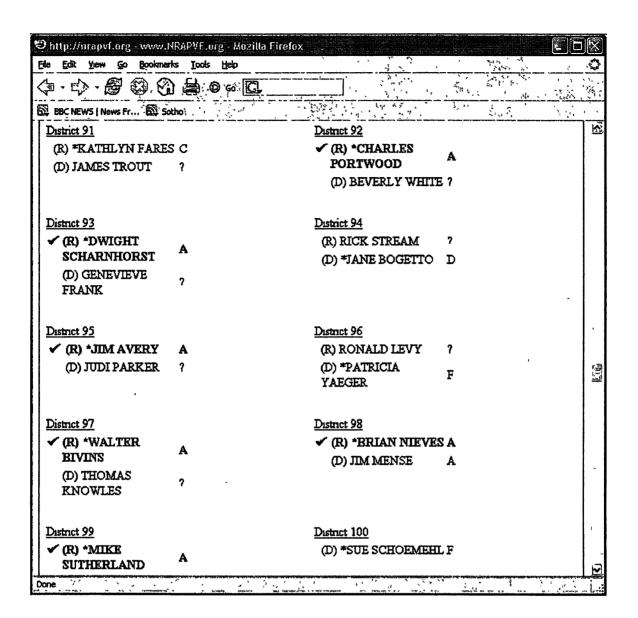


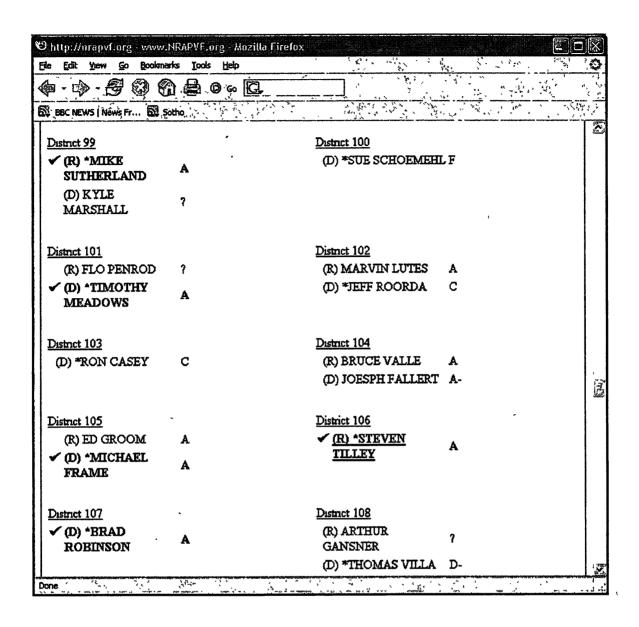


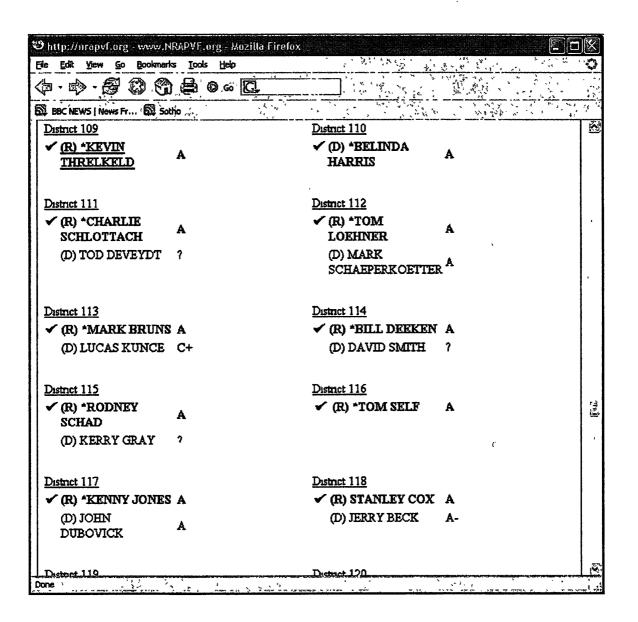


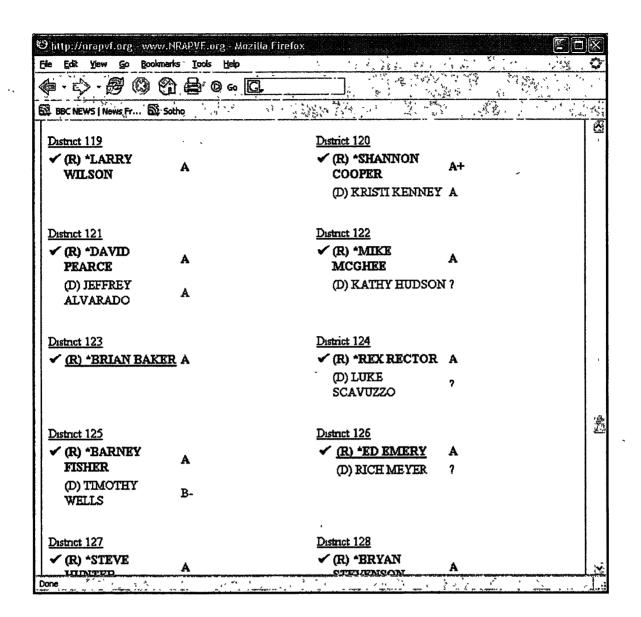


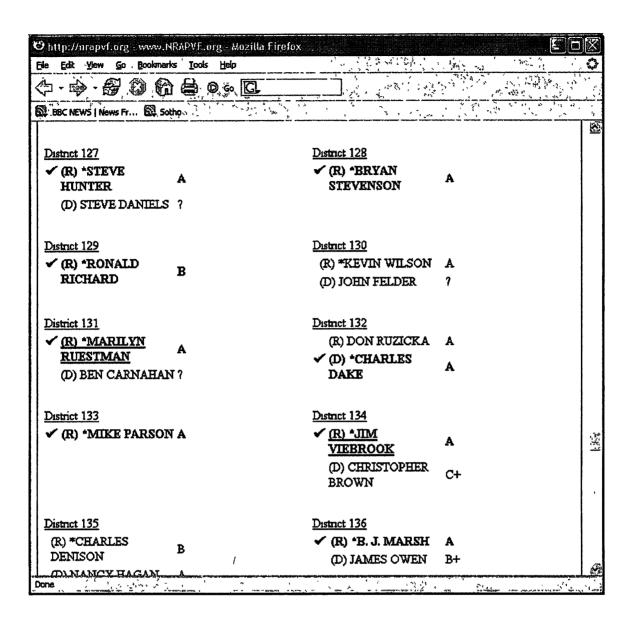


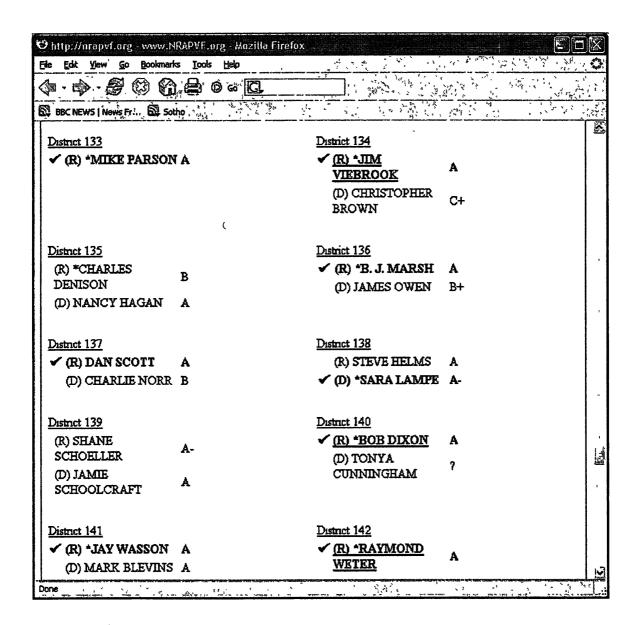


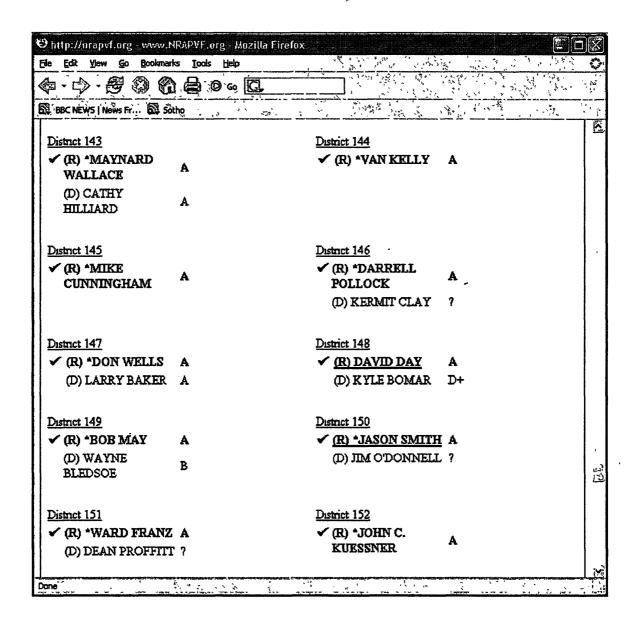


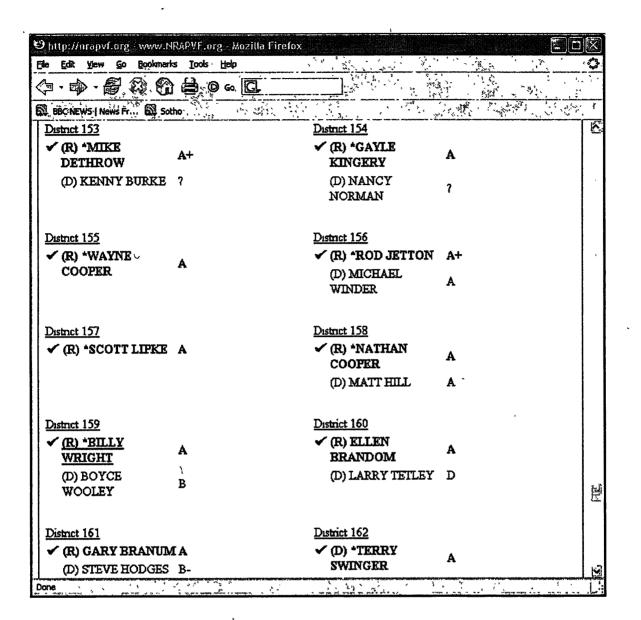


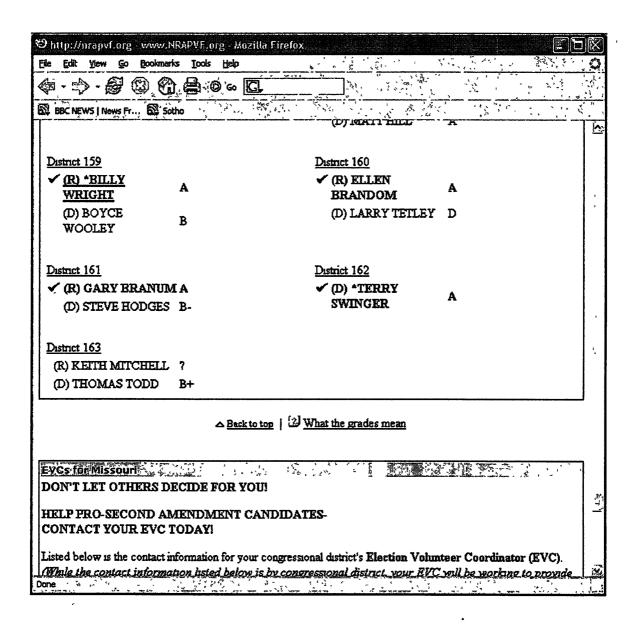












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- A+ An incumbent with not only an excellent voting record on critical NRA issues, but who has also made a vigorous effort to promote the Second Amendment.
- A Solidly pro-gun candidate. An "A" incumbent who has supported NRA positions on key votes. May also describe a non-incumbent "A" candidate (one not represented with an \*) who has previously held other office and cast consistent pro-gun votes, or an "A" candidate who hasn't held office but has expressed strong support for NRA positions on Second Amendment issues. It should be noted that a "non-incumbent" candidate may have been awarded the "A" rating due solely to their responses on the NRA-PVF candidate survey.
- B A generally pro-gun candidate, but a "B" incumbent may have voted for some restrictive legislation in the past. A "B" candidate who hasn't held office may have made some statements or taken positions against the NRA on some issues.
- C Not necessarily a passing grade. A "C" candidate may have cast some pro-gun votes in the past but has also recently cast key votes or made some statements contrary to NRA positions on key issues.
- D An anti-gun candidate who has frequently voted for restrictive gun control legislation or made strong statements in opposition to Second Amendment rights, and regardless of public statements can definitely not be counted on in key votes.
- F True enemy of gun owners' rights. A vehement anti-gun candidate who always opposes gun owners' rights and/or actively leads anti-gun legislative efforts, or sponsors anti-gun legislation.
- ? Failed to answer NRA-PVF candidate questionnaire, often an indication of indifference, if not outright hostility, to gun owners' and sportsmen's rights.
- \* Indicates an incumbent running for re-election.

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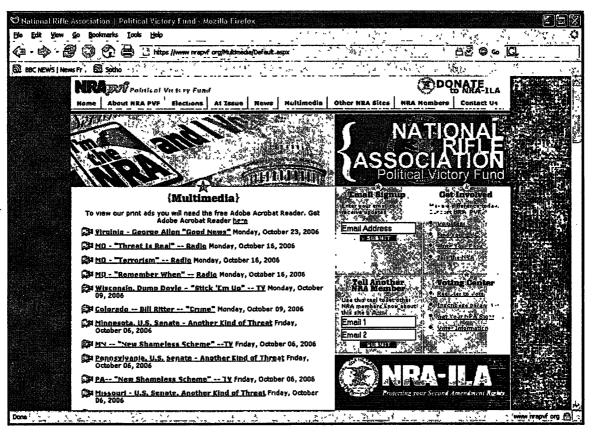


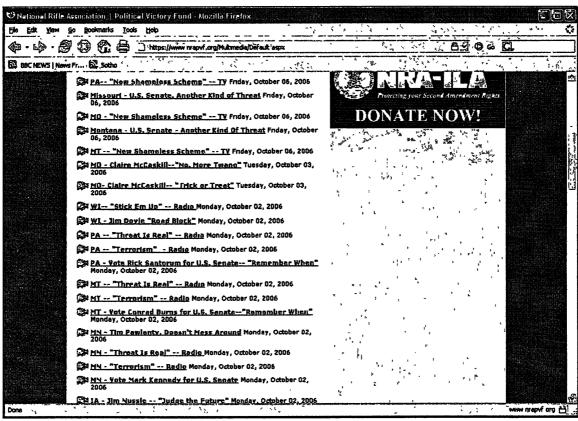
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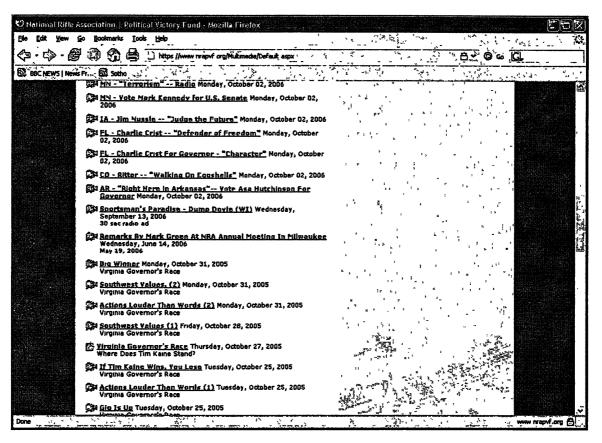
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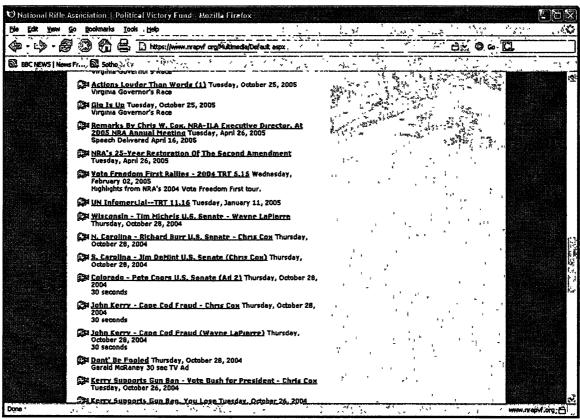


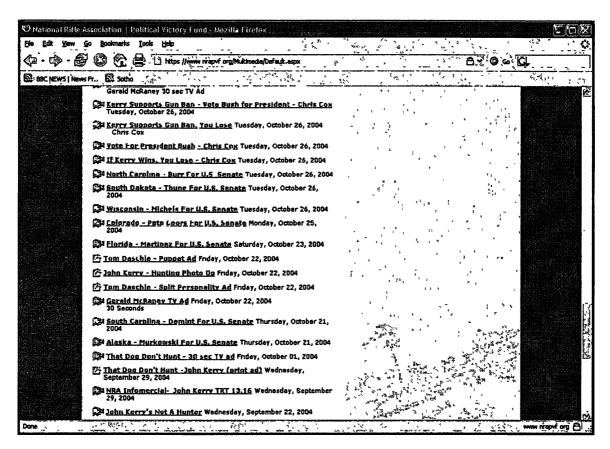


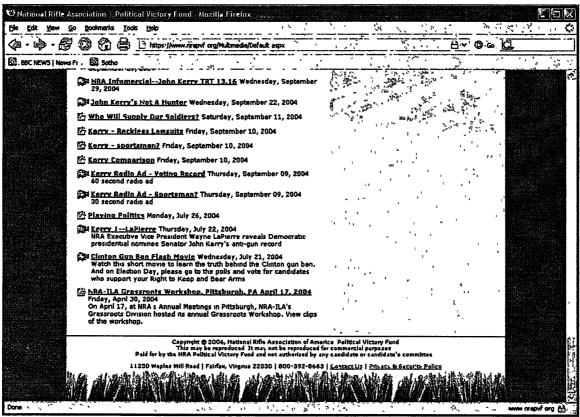












- Virginia George Allen "Good News" Monday, October 23, 2006
- MO "Threat Is Real" -- Radio Monday, October 16, 2006
- MO "Terrorism" -- Radio Monday, October 16, 2006
- MO "Remember When" -- Radio Monday, October 16, 2006
- Wisconsin, Dump Doyle "Stick 'Em Up" -- TV Monday, October 09, 2006
- Colorado -- Bill Ritter -- "Crime" Monday, October 09, 2006
- Minnesota, U.S. Senate Another Kind of Threat Friday, October 06, 2006
- MN -- "New Shameless Scheme" -- TV Friday, October 06, 2006
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- Montana U.S. Senate Another Kind Of Threat Friday, October 06, 2006
- MT -- "New Shameless Scheme" -- TV Friday, October 06, 2006
- MO Claire McCaskill--"No, More Twang" Tuesday, October 03, 2006
- MO- Claire McCaskill-- "Trick or Treat" Tuesday, October 03, 2006
- WI-- "Stick Em Up" -- Radio Monday, October 02, 2006

- WI Jim Doyle "Road Block" Monday, October 02, 2006
- PA -- "Threat Is Real" -- Radio Monday, October 02, 2006
- PA -- "Terrorism" -- Radio Monday, October 02, 2006
- PA Vote Rick Santorum for U.S. Senate-- "Remember When" Monday, October 02, 2006
- MT -- "Threat Is Real" -- Radio Monday, October 02, 2006
- MT -- "Terrorism" -- Radio Monday, October 02, 2006
- MT Vote Conrad Burns for U.S. Senate--"Remember When" Monday, October 02, 2006
- MN Tim Pawlenty, Doesn't Mess Around Monday, October 02, 2006
- MN "Threat Is Real" -- Radio Monday, October 02, 2006
- MN "Terrorism" -- Radio Monday, October 02, 2006
- MN Vote Mark Kennedy for U.S. Senate Monday, October 02, 2006
- IA Jim Nussle -- "Judge the Future" Monday, October 02, 2006
- FL Charlie Crist -- "Defender of Freedom" Monday, October 02, 2006
- FL Charlie Crist For Governor "Character" Monday, October 02, 2006
- CO Ritter -- "Walking On Eggshells" Monday, October 02, 2006
- AR "Right Here in Arkansas"-- Vote Asa Hutchinson For Governor Monday, October 02, 2006
- Sportsman's Paradise Dump Doyle (WI) Wednesday, September 13, 2006
  30 sec radio ad
- Remarks By Mark Green At NRA Annual Meeting In

<b>Milwaukee</b>	Wednesday,	June	14,	2006
May 19, 2006				

- Big Winner Monday, October 31, 2005 Virginia Governor's Race
- Southwest Values, (2) Monday, October 31, 2005 Virginia Governor's Race
- Actions Louder Than Words (2) Monday, October 31, 2005
  Virginia Governor's Race
- Southwest Values (1) Friday, October 28, 2005
  Virginia Governor's Race
- Wirginia Governor's Race Thursday, October 27, 2005 Where Does Tim Kaine Stand?
- If Tim Kaine Wins, You Lose Tuesday, October 25, 2005 Virginia Governor's Race
- Actions Louder Than Words (1) Tuesday, October 25, 2005 Virginia Governor's Race
- Gig Is Up Tuesday, October 25, 2005 Virginia Governor's Race
- Remarks By Chris W. Cox, NRA-ILA Executive Director, At 2005 NRA Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2005
  Speech Delivered April 16, 2005
- NRA's 25-Year Restoration Of The Second Amendment Tuesday, April 26, 2005
- Vote Freedom First Rallies 2004 TRT 5:15 Wednesday, February 02, 2005
  Highlights from NRA's 2004 Vote Freedom First tour.
- UN Infomercial--TRT 11:16 Tuesday, January 11, 2005
- Wisconsin Tim Michels U.S. Senate Wayne LaPierre
  Thursday, October 28, 2004
- N. Carolina Richard Burr U.S. Senate Chris Cox Thursday, October 28, 2004
- S. Carolina Jim DeMint U.S. Senate (Chris Cox) Thursday, October 28, 2004

- Colorado Pete Coors U.S. Senate (Ad 2) Thursday, October 28, 2004
  30 seconds
- John Kerry Cape Cod Fraud Chris Cox Thursday, October 28, 2004 30 seconds
- John Kerry Cape Cod Fraud (Wayne LaPierre) Thursday,
  October 28, 2004
  30 seconds
- Dont' Be Fooled Thursday, October 28, 2004 Gerald McRaney 30 sec TV Ad
- Kerry Supports Gun Ban Vote Bush for President Chris Cox Tuesday, October 26, 2004
- Kerry Supports Gun Ban, You Lose Tuesday, October 26, 2004
  - Chris Cox
- Vote For President Bush Chris Cox Tuesday, October 26, 2004
- If Kerry Wins, You Lose Chris Cox Tuesday, October 26, 2004
- North Carolina Burr For U.S. Senate Tuesday, October 26, 2004
- South Dakota Thune For U.S. Senate Tuesday, October 26, 2004
- Wisconsin Michels For U.S. Senate Tuesday, October 26, 2004
- Colorado Pete Coors For U.S. Senate Monday, October 25, 2004
- Florida Martinez For U.S. Senate Saturday, October 23, 2004
- Tom Daschle Puppet Ad Friday, October 22, 2004
- John Kerry Hunting Photo Op Friday, October 22, 2004
- Tom Daschle Split Personality Ad Friday, October 22, 2004

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- South Carolina Demint For U.S. Senate Thursday, October 21, 2004
- Alaska Murkowski For U.S. Senate Thursday, October 21, 2004
- That Dog Don't Hunt 30 sec TV ad Friday, October 01, 2004
- That Dog Don't Hunt--John Kerry (print ad) Wednesday, September 29, 2004
- NRA Infomercial--John Kerry TRT 13:16 Wednesday, September 29, 2004
- John Kerry's Not A Hunter Wednesday, September 22, 2004
- Who Will Supply Our Soldiers? Saturday, September 11, 2004
- Kerry Reckless Lawsuits Friday, September 10, 2004
- Kerry sportsman? Friday, September 10, 2004
- Kerry Comparison Friday, September 10, 2004
- Kerry Radio Ad Voting Record Thursday, September 09, 2004
  60 second radio ad
- Kerry Radio Ad Sportsman? Thursday, September 09, 2004 30 second radio ad
- Playing Politics Monday, July 26, 2004
- Kerry 1--LaPierre Thursday, July 22, 2004
  NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre reveals
  Democratic presidential nominee Senator John Kerry's anti-gun record.

- Clinton Gun Ban Flash Movie Wednesday, July 21, 2004
  Watch this short movie to learn the truth behind the Clinton gun ban. And on Election Day, please go to the polls and vote for candidates who support your Right to Keep and Bear Arms.
- NRA-ILA Grassroots Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA April 17, 2004 Friday, April 30, 2004
  On April 17, at NRA's Annual Meetings in Pittsburgh, NRA-ILA's Grassroots Division hosted its annual Grassroots Workshop. View clips of the workshop.

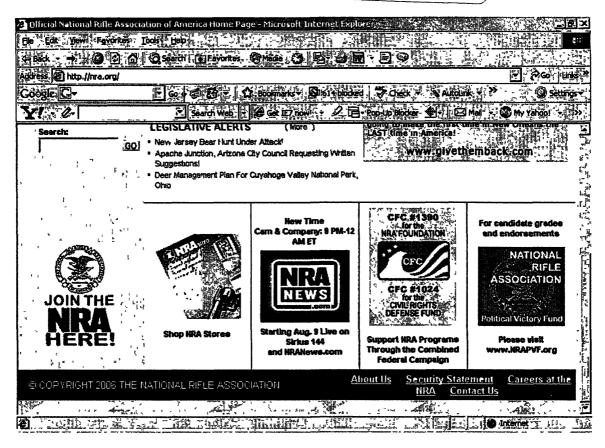
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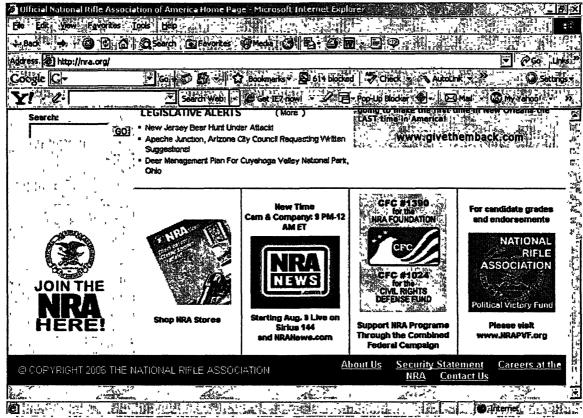
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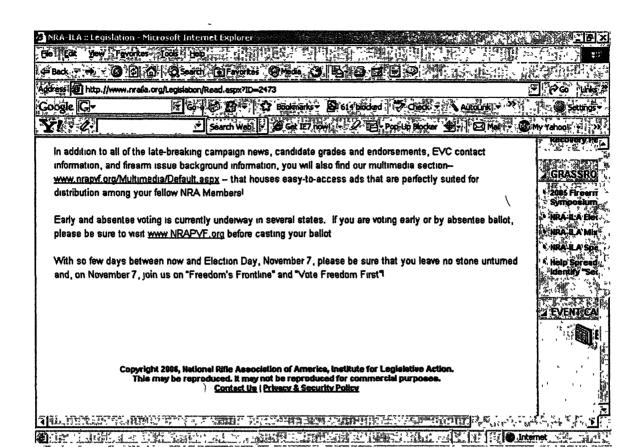
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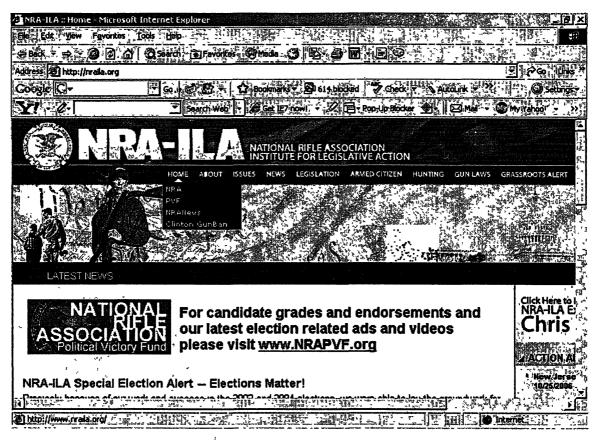


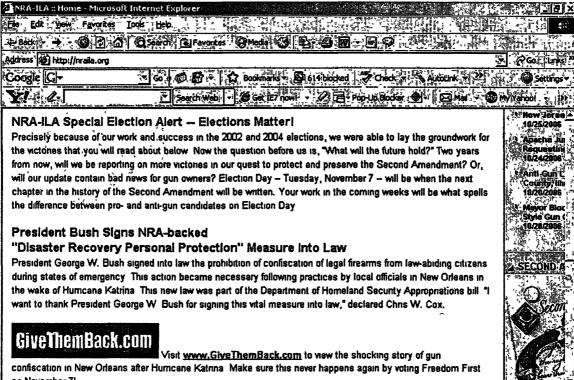
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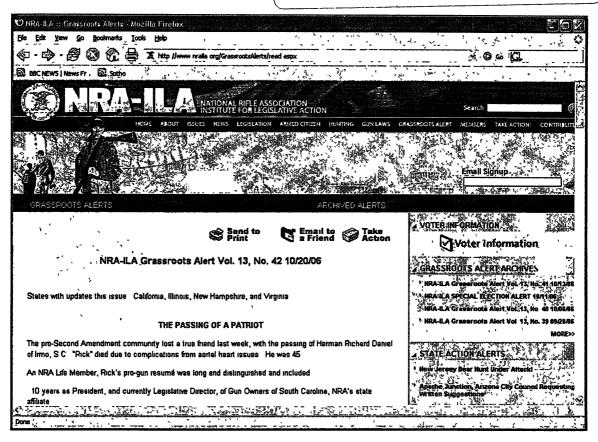


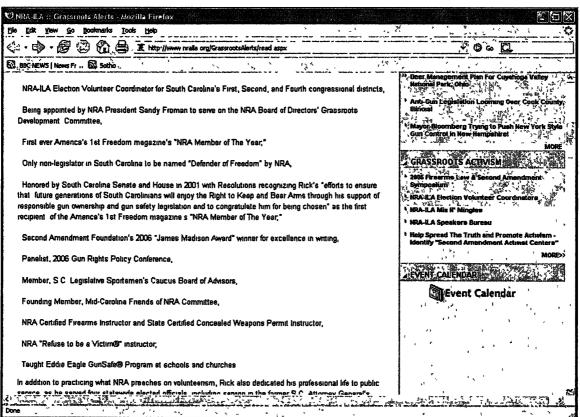


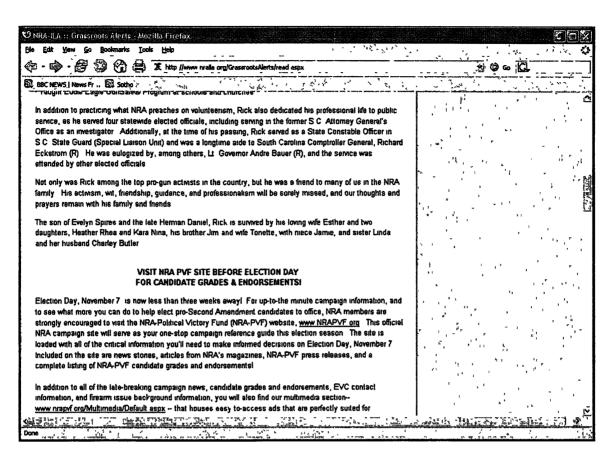


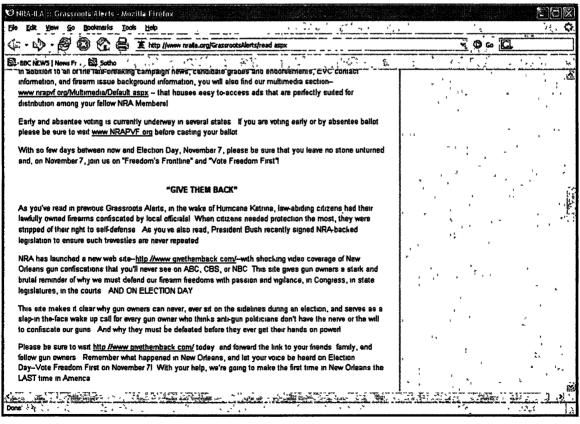


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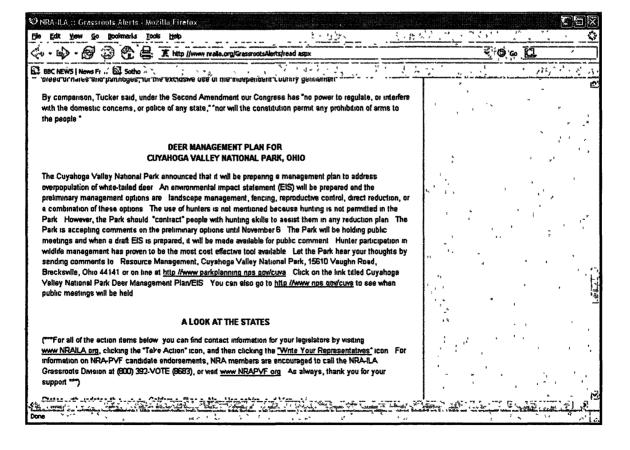


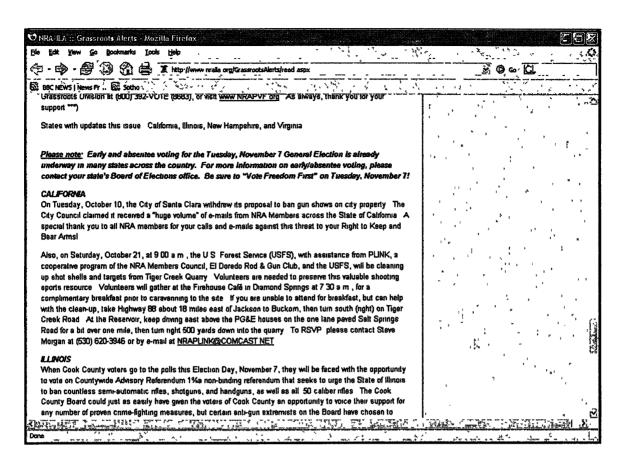


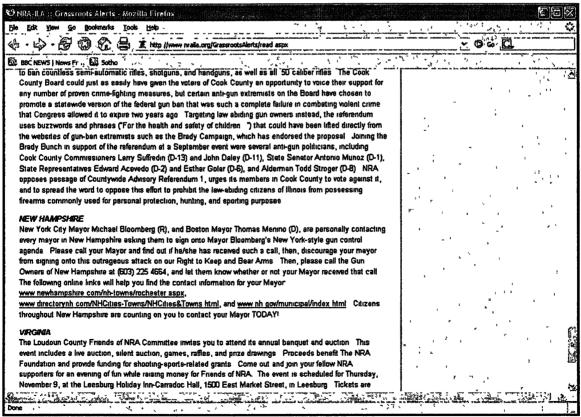


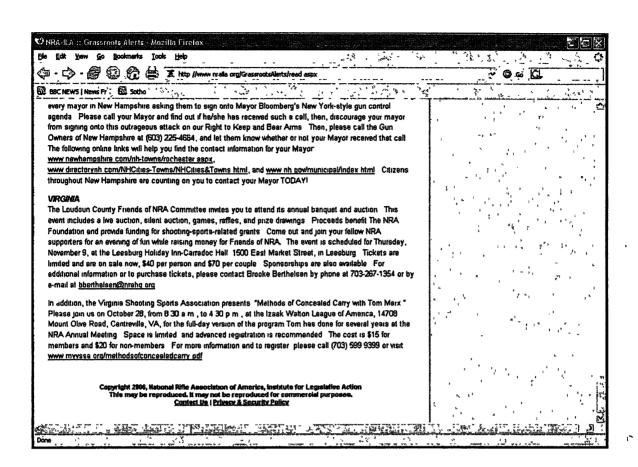


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## THE PASSING OF A PATRIOT

The pro-Second Amendment community lost a true friend last week, with the passing of Herman Richard Daniel of Irmo, S.C. "Rick" died due to complications from aortal heart issues. He was 45.

An NRA Life Member, Rick's pro-gun résumé was long and distinguished and included:

- · 10 years as President, and currently Legislative Director, of Gun Owners of South Carolina, NRA's state affiliate;
- NRA-ILA Election Volunteer Coordinator for South Carolina's First, Second, and Fourth congressional districts;
- · Being appointed by NRA President Sandy Froman to serve on the NRA Board of Directors' Grassroots Development Committee;

First ever America's 1st Freedom magazine's "NRA Member of The Year;"

· Only non-legislator in South Carolina to be named "Defender of Freedom" by

## NRA:

- · Honored by South Carolina Senate and House in 2001 with Resolutions recognizing Rick's "efforts to ensure that future generations of South Carolinians will enjoy the Right to Keep and Bear Arms through his support of responsible gun ownership and gun safety legislation and to congratulate him for being chosen" as the first recipient of the America's 1st Freedom magazine's "NRA Member of The Year;"
- Second Amendment Foundation's 2006 "James Madison Award" winner for excellence in writing;
- · Panelist, 2006 Gun Rights Policy Conference;
- · Member, S.C. Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Board of Advisors;
- · Founding Member, Mid-Carolina Friends of NRA Committee;
- · NRA Certified Firearms Instructor and State Certified Concealed Weapons Permit Instructor;
- · NRA "Refuse to be a Victim®" instructor;
- · Taught Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program at schools and churches.

In addition to practicing what NRA preaches on volunteerism, Rick also dedicated his professional life to public service, as he served four statewide elected officials, including serving in the former S.C. Attorney General's Office as an investigator. Additionally, at the time of his passing, Rick served as a State Constable Officer in S.C. State Guard (Special Liaison Unit) and was a longtime aide to South Carolina Comptroller General, Richard Eckstrom (R). He was

eulogized by, among others, Lt. Governor Andre Bauer (R), and the service was attended by other elected officials.

Not only was Rick among the top pro-gun activists in the country, but he was a friend to many of us in the NRA family. His activism, wit, friendship, guidance, and professionalism will be sorely missed, and our thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends.

The son of Evelyn Spires and the late Herman Daniel, Rick is survived by his loving wife Esther and two daughters, Heather Rhea and Kara Nina; his brother Jim and wife Tonette, with niece Jamie; and sister Linda and her husband Charley Butler.

## VISIT NRA-PVF SITE BEFORE ELECTION DAY FOR CANDIDATE GRADES & ENDORSEMENTS!

Election Day, November 7, is now less than three weeks away! For up-to-the-minute campaign information, and to see what more you can do to help elect pro-Second Amendment candidates to office, NRA members are strongly encouraged to visit the NRA-Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) website, <a href="https://www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a>. This official NRA campaign site will serve as your one-stop campaign reference guide this election season. The site is loaded with all of the critical information you'll need to make informed decisions on Election Day, November 7. Included on the site are news stories, articles from NRA's magazines, NRA-PVF press releases, and a complete listing of NRA-PVF candidate grades and endorsements!

In addition to all of the late-breaking campaign news, candidate grades and endorsements, EVC contact information, and firearm issue background information, you will also find our multimedia section—www.nrapvf.org/Multimedia/Default.aspx -- that houses easy-to-access ads that

are perfectly suited for distribution among your fellow NRA Members!

Early and absentee voting is currently underway in several states. If you are voting early or by absentee ballot, please be sure to visit <a href="www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a> before casting your ballot.

With so few days between now and Election Day, November 7, please be sure that you leave no stone unturned and, on November 7, join us on "Freedom's Frontline" and "Vote Freedom First"!

#### "GIVE THEM BACK"

As you've read in previous Grassroots Alerts, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, law-abiding citizens had their lawfully owned firearms confiscated by local officials! When citizens needed protection the most, they were stripped of their right to self-defense. As you've also read, President Bush recently signed NRA-backed legislation to ensure such travesties are never repeated.

NRA has launched a new web site--<a href="http://www.givethemback.com/--with">http://www.givethemback.com/--with</a> shocking video coverage of New Orleans gun confiscations that you'll never see on ABC, CBS, or NBC. This site gives gun owners a stark and brutal reminder of why we must defend our firearm freedoms with passion and vigilance, in Congress, in state legislatures, in the courts...AND ON ELECTION DAY.

This site makes it clear why gun owners can never, ever sit on the sidelines during an election, and serves as a slap-in-the-face wake up call for every gun owner who thinks anti-gun politicians don't have the nerve or the will to confiscate our guns. And why they must be defeated before they ever get their hands on power!

Please be sure to visit <a href="http://www.givethemback.com/">http://www.givethemback.com/</a> today, and forward the link to your friends, family, and fellow gun owners. Remember what happened in

New Orleans, and let your voice be heard on Election Day--Vote Freedom First on November 7! With your help, we're going to make the first time in New Orleans the LAST time in America

## HALBROOK DEMOLISHES ANTI-GUN PROPAGANDA

When it comes to the debate over the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, few, if any, have contributed more than constitutional scholar and attorney, Stephen Halbrook. His books and law review articles are "must reading" for all (including other scholars) who are interested in the origin of the right to arms and the Second Amendment.

Now, Halbrook has come to the defense of the right to arms once again. This time, he responds to arguments currently being pushed by Ohio State University (OSU) history professor, Saul Cornell.

Most of the academics who once believed that the Second Amendment protects something other than an individual right have changed their minds or gone silent, due to the overwhelming evidence presented by Halbrook, Joyce Lee Malcolm, David Hardy, Don Kates, Sanford Levinson, Robert Cottrol, William van Alstyne, Akhil Reed Amar, Nelson Lund, and many others over the last 20-odd years.

Not Cornell. He is trying to create a niche for himself as a conspicuous dissenter, heading up the Second Amendment Research Center (SARC) at OSU. While the SARC purports to be a "nonpartisan center promoting scholarship on issues concerning the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and firearms regulation," it receives funding from the radically anti-gun Joyce Foundation.

Cornell is pushing the idea that the Second Amendment requires gun control and imposes a civic duty to possess arms while serving in a militia. And he says that

those who believe that the amendment protects an individual right misinterpret the writings of Judge St. George Tucker, author of the first and foremost treatise on our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

To the contrary, Halbrook points out, Tucker considered the Second Amendment the "palladium of liberty" and self-defense "the first law of nature." Tucker lamented that under the infamous British Game Laws, only well-to-do Englishmen were permitted to hunt, but "no others can keep a gun for their defense; so that the whole nation are completely disarmed, and left at the mercy of the government, under the pretext of preserving the breed of hares and partridges, for the exclusive use of the independent country gentlemen."

By comparison, Tucker said, under the Second Amendment our Congress has "no power to regulate, or interfere with the domestic concerns, or police of any state," "nor will the constitution permit any prohibition of arms to the people."

# DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, OHIO

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park announced that it will be preparing a management plan to address overpopulation of white-tailed deer. An environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared and the preliminary management options are: landscape management, fencing, reproductive control, direct reduction, or a combination of these options. The use of hunters is not mentioned because hunting is not permitted in the Park. However, the Park should "contract" people with hunting skills to assist them in any reduction plan. The Park is accepting comments on the preliminary options until November 6. The Park will be holding public meetings and when a draft EIS is prepared, it will be made available for public comment. Hunter participation in wildlife management has proven to be the most cost effective tool available. Let the Park hear your thoughts by sending comments to: Resource Management,

Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141 or on line at <a href="http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva">http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva</a>. Click on the link titled Cuyahoga Valley National Park Deer Management Plan/EIS. You can also go to <a href="http://www.nps.gov/cuva">http://www.nps.gov/cuva</a> to see when public meetings will be held.

## A LOOK AT THE STATES

(\*\*\*For all of the action items below, you can find contact information for your legislators by visiting <a href="www.NRAILA.org">www.NRAILA.org</a>, clicking the "Take Action" icon, and then clicking the "Write Your Representatives" icon. For information on NRA-PVF candidate endorsements, NRA members are encouraged to call the NRA-ILA Grassroots Division at (800) 392-VOTE (8683), or visit <a href="www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a>. As always, thank you for your support.\*\*\*)

States with updates this issue: California, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Virginia.

<u>Please note:</u> Early and absentee voting for the Tuesday, November 7 General Election is already underway in many states across the country. For more information on early/absentee voting, please contact your state's Board of Elections office. Be sure to "Vote Freedom First" on Tuesday, November 7!

## **CALIFORNIA**

On Tuesday, October 10, the City of Santa Clara withdrew its proposal to ban gun shows on city property. The City Council claimed it received a "huge volume" of e-mails from NRA Members across the State of California. A special thank you to all NRA members for your calls and e-mails against this threat to your Right to Keep and Bear Arms!

Also, on Saturday, October 21, at 9.00 a.m., the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), with assistance from PLINK, a cooperative program of the NRA Members

Council, El Dorado Rod & Gun Club, and the USFS, will be cleaning up shot shells and targets from Tiger Creek Quarry. Volunteers are needed to preserve this valuable shooting sports resource. Volunteers will gather at the Firehouse Café in Diamond Springs at 7:30 a.m., for a complimentary breakfast prior to caravanning to the site. If you are unable to attend for breakfast, but can help with the clean-up, take Highway 88 about 18 miles east of Jackson to Buckorn, then turn south (right) on Tiger Creek Road. At the Reservoir, keep driving east above the PG&E houses on the one lane paved Salt Springs Road for a bit over one mile, then turn right 500 yards down into the quarry. To RSVP, please contact Steve Morgan at (530) 620-3946 or by e-mail at NRAPLINK@COMCAST.NET.

## **ILLINOIS**

When Cook County voters go to the polls this Election Day, November 7, they will be faced with the opportunity to vote on Countywide Advisory Referendum 1% a non-binding referendum that seeks to urge the State of Illinois to ban countless semi-automatic rifles, shotguns, and handguns, as well as all .50 caliber rifles. The Cook County Board could just as easily have given the voters of Cook County an opportunity to voice their support for any number of proven crime-fighting measures, but certain anti-gun extremists on the Board have chosen to promote a statewide version of the federal gun ban that was such a complete failure in combating violent crime that Congress allowed it to expire two years ago. Targeting law-abiding gun owners instead, the referendum uses buzzwords and phrases ("For the health and safety of children...") that could have been lifted directly from the websites of gun-ban extremists such as the Brady Campaign, which has endorsed the proposal. Joining the Brady Bunch in support of the referendum at a September event were several anti-gun politicians, including Cook County Commissioners Larry Suffredin (D-13) and John Daley (D-11); State Senator Antonio Munoz (D-1); State Representatives Edward Acevedo (D-2) and Esther Golar (D-6); and Alderman Todd Stroger (D-8). NRA opposes passage of Countywide Advisory Referendum 1, urges its

members in Cook County to vote against it, and to spread the word to oppose this effort to prohibit the law-abiding citizens of Illinois from possessing firearms commonly used for personal protection, hunting, and sporting purposes.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

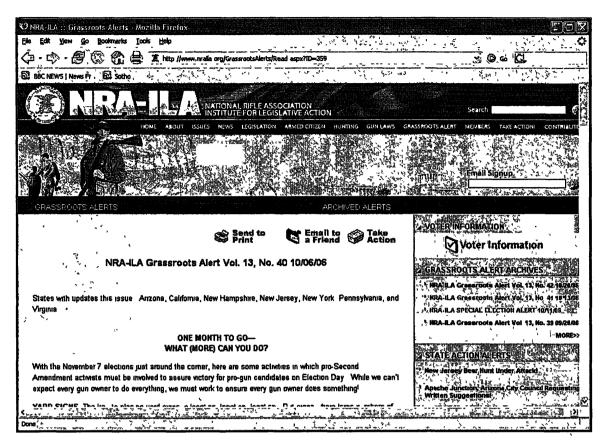
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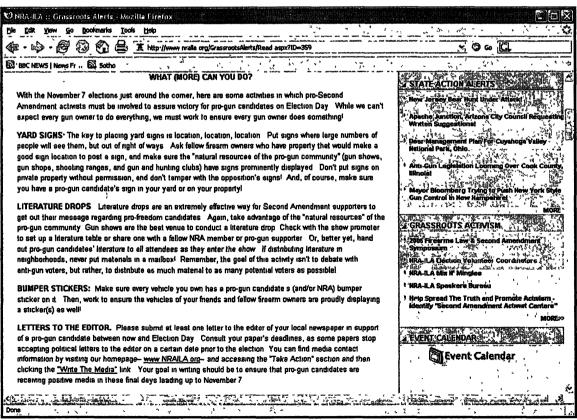
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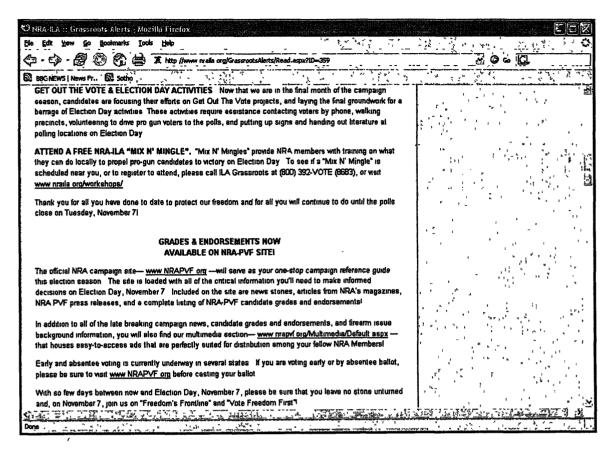
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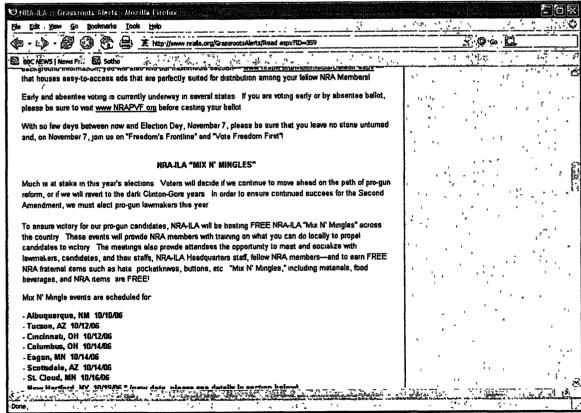
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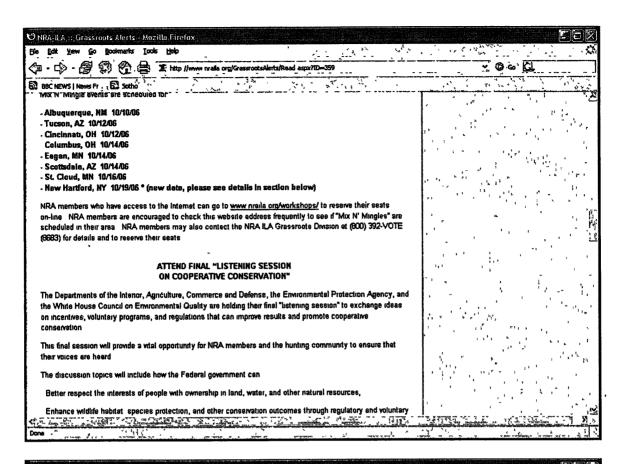
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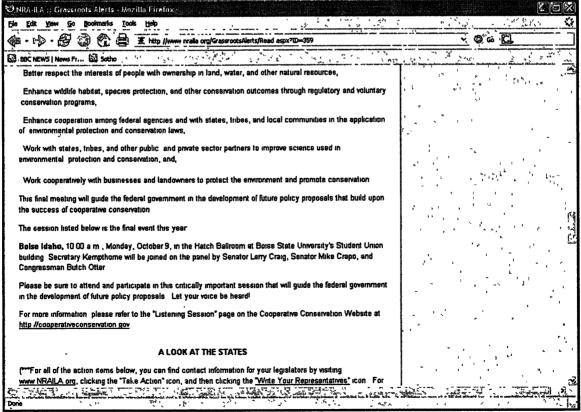




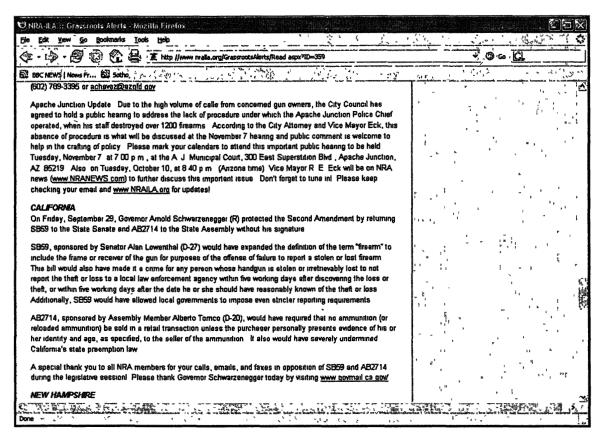




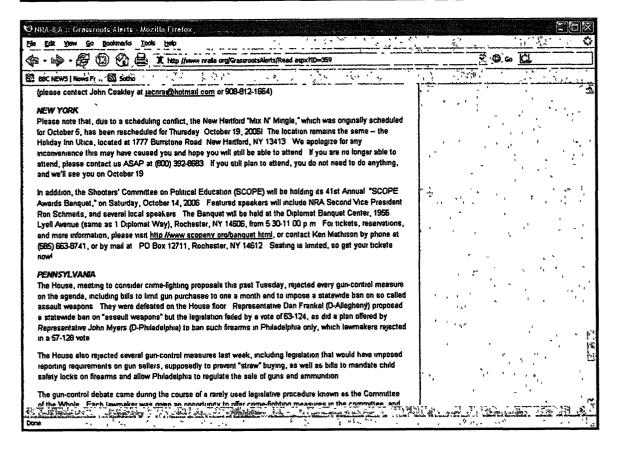




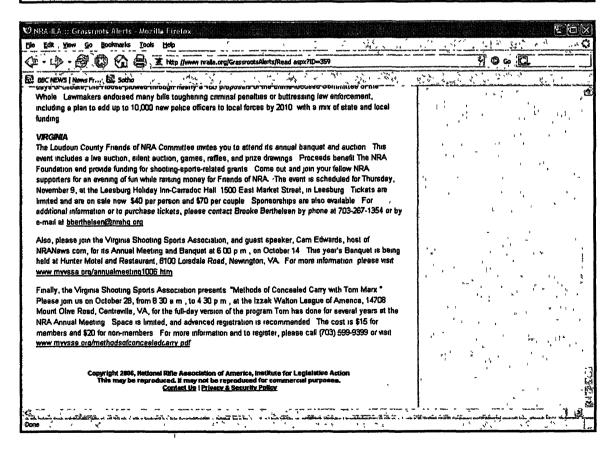
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## ONE MONTH TO GO— WHAT (MORE) CAN YOU DO?

With the November 7 elections just around the corner, here are some activities in which pro-Second Amendment activists must be involved to assure victory for pro-gun candidates on Election Day While we can't expect every gun owner to do everything, we must work to ensure every gun owner does something!

YARD SIGNS: The key to placing yard signs is location, location, location. Put signs where large numbers of people will see them, but out of right of ways. Ask fellow firearm owners who have property that would make a good sign location to post a sign, and make sure the "natural resources of the pro-gun community" (gun shows, gun shops, shooting ranges, and gun and hunting clubs) have signs prominently displayed. Don't put signs on private property without permission, and don't tamper with the opposition's signs! And, of course, make sure you have a pro-gun candidate's sign in your yard or on your property!

LITERATURE DROPS: Literature drops are an extremely effective way for Second Amendment supporters to get out their message regarding pro-freedom candidates. Again, take advantage of the "natural resources" of the pro-gun

community. Gun shows are the best venue to conduct a literature drop. Check with the show promoter to set up a literature table or share one with a fellow NRA member or pro-gun supporter. Or, better yet, hand out pro-gun candidates' literature to all attendees as they enter the show. If distributing literature in neighborhoods, never put materials in a mailbox! Remember, the goal of this activity isn't to debate with anti-gun voters, but rather, to distribute as much material to as many potential voters as possible!

BUMPER STICKERS: Make sure every vehicle you own has a pro-gun candidate's (and/or NRA) bumper sticker on it. Then, work to ensure the vehicles of your friends and fellow firearm owners are proudly displaying a sticker(s) as well!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Please submit at least one letter to the editor of your local newspaper in support of a pro-gun candidate between now and Election Day. Consult your paper's deadlines, as some papers stop accepting political letters to the editor on a certain date prior to the election. You can find media contact information by visiting our homepage-- <a href="www.NRAILA.org">www.NRAILA.org</a>-- and accessing the "Take Action" section and then clicking the "Write The Media" link. Your goal in writing should be to ensure that pro-gun candidates are receiving positive media in these final days leading up to November 7.

GET OUT THE VOTE & ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES: Now that we are in the final month of the campaign season, candidates are focusing their efforts on Get Out The Vote projects, and laying the final groundwork for a barrage of Election Day activities. These activities require assistance contacting voters by phone, walking precincts, volunteering to drive pro-gun voters to the polls, and putting up signs and handing out literature at polling locations on Election Day.

ATTEND A FREE NRA-ILA "MIX N' MINGLE": "Mix N' Mingles" provide NRA members with training on what they can do locally to propel pro-gun candidates

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Thank you for all you have done to date to protect our freedom and for all you will continue to do until the polls close on Tuesday, November 7!

## GRADES & ENDORSEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE ON NRA-PVF SITE!

The official NRA campaign site— <a href="www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a> —will serve as your one-stop campaign reference guide this election season. The site is loaded with all of the critical information you'll need to make informed decisions on Election Day, November 7. Included on the site are news stories, articles from NRA's magazines, NRA-PVF press releases, and a complete listing of NRA-PVF candidate grades and endorsements!

In addition to all of the late-breaking campaign news, candidate grades and endorsements, and firearm issue background information, you will also find our multimedia section— <a href="www.nrapvf.org/Multimedia/Default.aspx">www.nrapvf.org/Multimedia/Default.aspx</a> — that houses easy-to-access ads that are perfectly suited for distribution among your fellow NRA Members!

Early and absentee voting is currently underway in several states. If you are voting early or by absentee ballot, please be sure to visit <a href="www.NRAPVF.org">www.NRAPVF.org</a> before casting your ballot.

With so few days between now and Election Day, November 7, please be sure that you leave no stone unturned and, on November 7, join us on "Freedom's Frontline" and "Vote Freedom First"!

## NRA-ILA "MIX N' MINGLES"

Much is at stake in this year's elections. Voters will decide if we continue to move ahead on the path of pro-gun reform, or if we will revert to the dark Clinton-Gore years. In order to ensure continued success for the Second Amendment, we must elect pro-gun lawmakers this year.

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Mix N' Mingle events are scheduled for:

- Albuquerque, NM 10/10/06
- Tucson, AZ 10/12/06
- Cincinnati, OH 10/12/06
- Columbus, OH 10/14/06
- Eagan, MN 10/14/06
- Scottsdale, AZ 10/14/06
- St. Cloud, MN 10/16/06
- New Hartford, NY 10/19/06 \* (new date, please see details in section below)

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# ATTEND FINAL "LISTENING SESSION ON COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION"

The Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality are holding their final "listening session" to exchange ideas on incentives, voluntary programs, and regulations that can improve results and promote cooperative conservation.

This final session will provide a vital opportunity for NRA members and the hunting community to ensure that their voices are heard.

The discussion topics will include how the Federal government can:

- · Better respect the interests of people with ownership in land, water, and other natural resources;
- Enhance wildlife habitat, species protection, and other conservation outcomes through regulatory and voluntary conservation programs;
- · Enhance cooperation among federal agencies and with states, tribes, and local communities in the application of environmental protection and conservation laws:

Work with states, tribes, and other public- and private-sector partners to improve science used in environmental protection and conservation, and;

· Work cooperatively with businesses and landowners to protect the environment

and promote conservation.

This final meeting will guide the federal government in the development of future policy proposals that build upon the success of cooperative conservation.

The session listed below is the final event this year:

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## **CALIFORNIA**

On Friday, September 29, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) protected the Second Amendment by returning SB59 to the State Senate and AB2714 to the State Assembly without his signature.

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Seating is limited, so get your tickets now!

## **PENNSYL VANIA**

The House, meeting to consider crime-fighting proposals this past Tuesday, rejected every gun-control measure on the agenda, including bills to limit gun purchases to one a month and to impose a statewide ban on so-called assault weapons. They were defeated on the House floor. Representative Dan Frankel (D-Allegheny) proposed a statewide ban on "assault weapons" but the legislation failed by a vote of 63-124, as did a plan offered by Representative John Myers (D-Philadelphia) to ban such firearms in Philadelphia only, which lawmakers rejected in a 57-128 vote.

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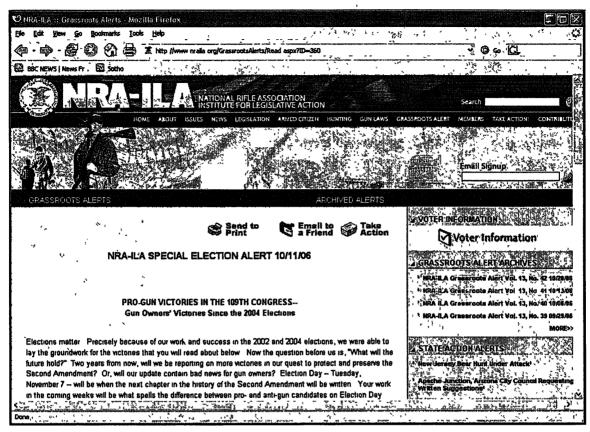
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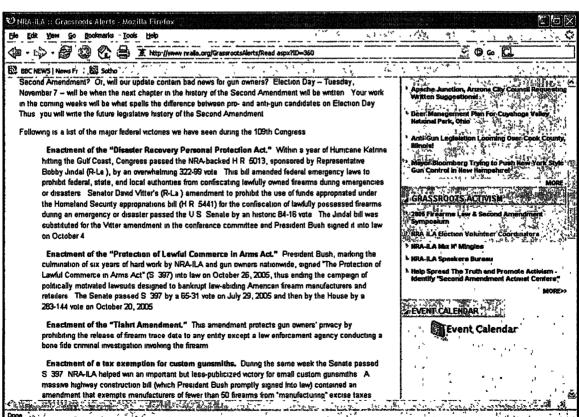
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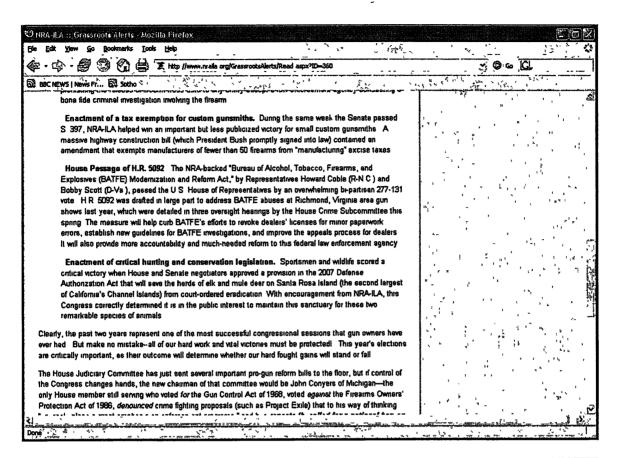
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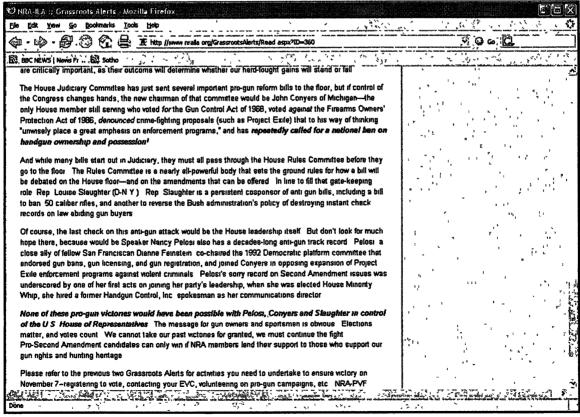
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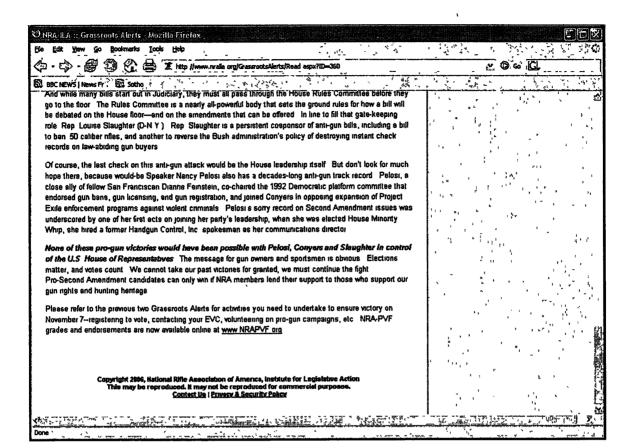








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#### NRA-ILA SPECIAL ELECTION ALERT 10/11/06

### PRO-GUN VICTORIES IN THE 109TH CONGRESS--Gun Owners' Victories Since the 2004 Elections

Elections matter. Precisely because of our work and success in the 2002 and 2004 elections, we were able to lay the groundwork for the victories that you will read about below. Now the question before us is, "What will the future hold?" Two years from now, will we be reporting on more victories in our quest to protect and preserve the Second Amendment? Or, will our update contain bad news for gun owners? Election Day -- Tuesday, November 7 -- will be when the next chapter in the history of the Second Amendment will be written. Your work in the coming weeks will be what spells the difference between pro- and anti-gun candidates on Election Day. Thus, you will write the future legislative history of the Second Amendment.

Following is a list of the major federal victories we have seen during the 109th Congress:

• Enactment of the "Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act." Within a year of Hurricane Katrina hitting the Gulf Coast, Congress passed the NRA-backed H.R. 5013, sponsored by Representative Bobby Jindal (R-La.), by an overwhelming 322-99 vote. This bill amended federal emergency laws to prohibit federal, state, and local authorities from

confiscating lawfully-owned firearms during emergencies or disasters
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was substituted for the Vitter amendment in the conference committee and
President Bush signed it into law on October 4.

- Enactment of the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act."

  President Bush, marking the culmination of six years of hard work by NRA-ILA and gun owners nationwide, signed "The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" (S. 397) into law on October 26, 2005, thus ending the campaign of politically motivated lawsuits designed to bankrupt law-abiding American firearm manufacturers and retailers. The Senate passed S. 397 by a 65-31 vote on July 29, 2005 and then by the House by a 283-144 vote on October 20, 2005.
- Enactment of the "Tiahrt Amendment." This amendment protects gun owners' privacy by prohibiting the release of firearm trace data to any entity except a law enforcement agency conducting a bona fide criminal investigation involving the firearm.
- Enactment of a tax exemption for custom gunsmiths. During the same week the Senate passed S. 397, NRA-ILA helped win an important but less-publicized victory for small custom gunsmiths. A massive highway construction bill (which President Bush promptly signed into law) contained an amendment that exempts manufacturers of fewer than 50 firearms from "manufacturing" excise taxes
- House Passage of H.R. 5092. The NRA-backed "Bureau of Alcohol,
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BATFE abuses at Richmond, Virginia area gun shows last year, which
were detailed in three oversight hearings by the House Crime
Subcommittee this spring. The measure will help curb BATFE's efforts to
revoke dealers' licenses for minor paperwork errors, establish new
guidelines for BATFE investigations, and improve the appeals process for
dealers. It will also provide more accountability and much-needed reform
to this federal law enforcement agency.

- Enactment of critical hunting and conservation legislation. Sportsmen and wildlife scored a critical victory when House and Senate negotiators approved a provision in the 2007 Defense Authorization Act that will save the herds of elk and mule deer on Santa Rosa Island (the second largest of California's Channel Islands) from court-ordered eradication. With encouragement from NRA-ILA, this Congress correctly determined it is in the public interest to maintain this sanctuary for these two remarkable species of animals.

Clearly, the past two years represent one of the most successful congressional sessions that gun owners have ever had. But make no mistake--all of our hard work and vital victories must be protected! This year's elections are critically important, as their outcome will determine whether our hard-fought gains will stand or fall.

The House Judiciary Committee has just sent several important pro-gun reform bills to the floor, but if control of the Congress changes hands, the new chairman of that committee would be John Conyers of Michigan—the only House member still serving who voted *for* the Gun Control Act of 1968, voted *against* the Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986, *denounced* crime-fighting proposals (such as Project Exile) that to his way of thinking "unwisely place a great emphasis on enforcement programs," and has *repeatedly called for a national* 

#### ban on handgun ownership and possession!

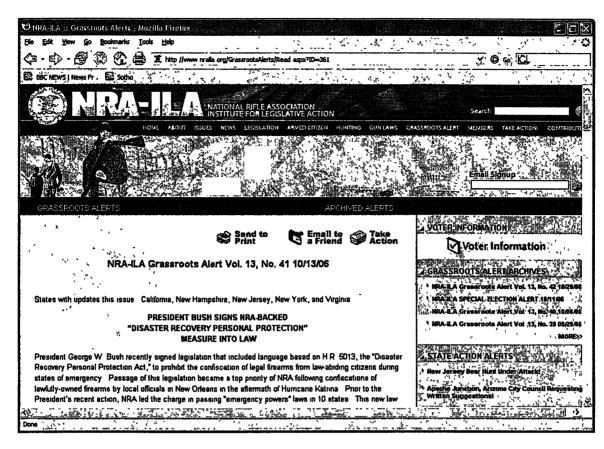
And while many bills start out in Judiciary, they must all pass through the House Rules Committee before they go to the floor. The Rules Committee is a nearly all-powerful body that sets the ground rules for how a bill will be debated on the House floor—and on the amendments that can be offered. In line to fill that gate-keeping role: Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.). Rep. Slaughter is a persistent cosponsor of anti-gun bills, including a bill to ban .50 caliber rifles, and another to reverse the Bush administration's policy of destroying instant check records on law-abiding gun buyers.

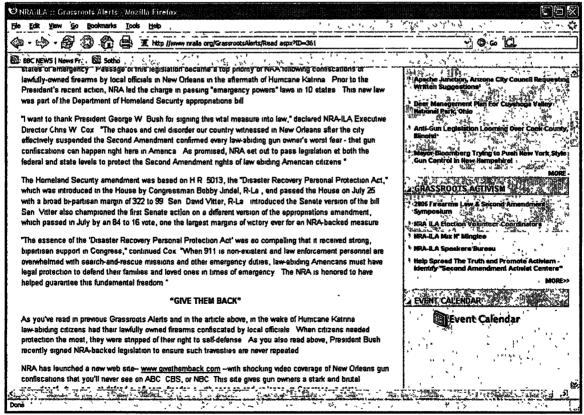
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None of these pro-gun victories would have been possible with Pelosi, Conyers and Slaughter in control of the U.S. House of Representatives. The message for gun owners and sportsmen is obvious. Elections matter, and votes count. We cannot take our past victories for granted; we must continue the fight. Pro-Second Amendment candidates can only win if NRA members lend their support to those who support our gun rights and hunting heritage.

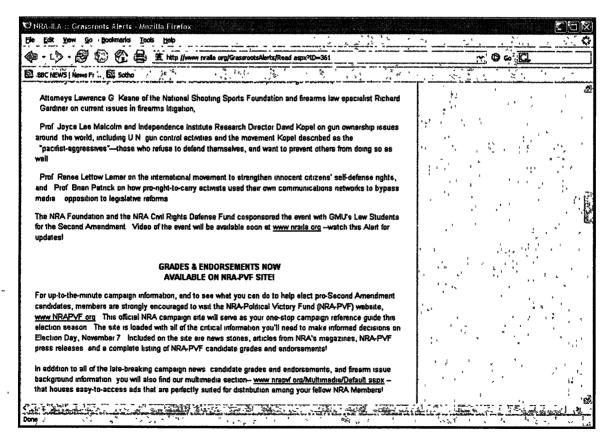
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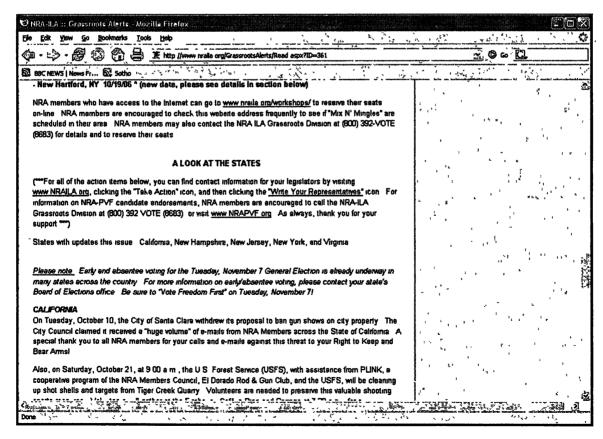


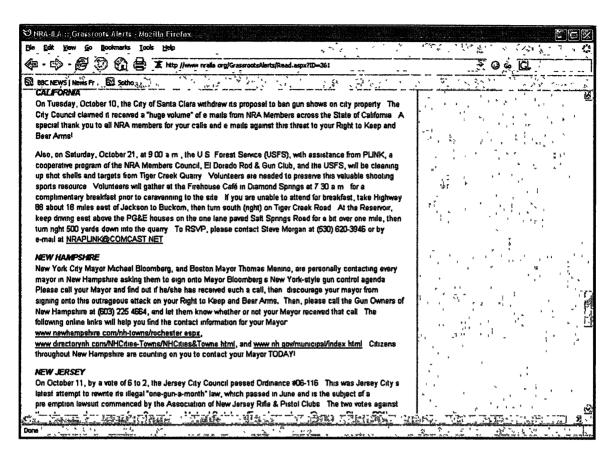


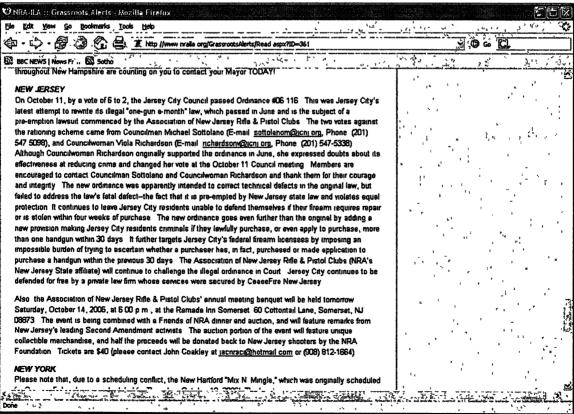
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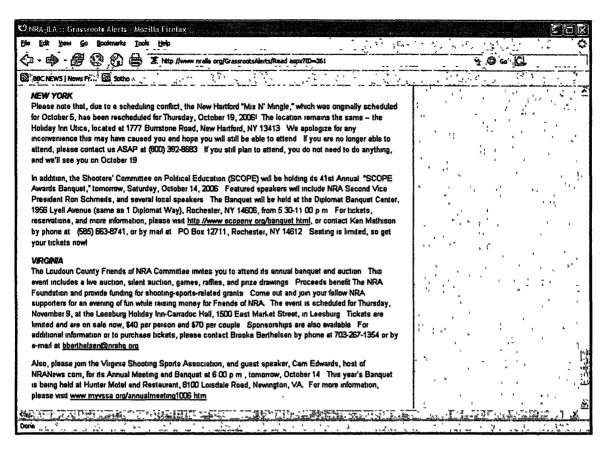


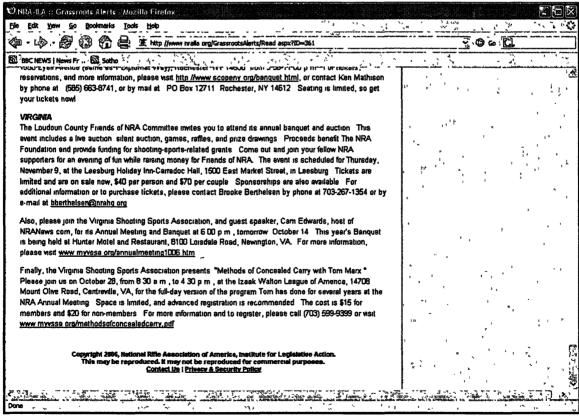
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"I want to thank President George W. Bush for signing this vital measure into law," declared NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. "The chaos and civil disorder our country witnessed in New Orleans after the city effectively suspended the Second Amendment confirmed every law-abiding gun owner's worst fear - that gun confiscations can happen right here in America. As promised, NRA set out to pass legislation at both the federal and state levels to protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding American citizens."

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#### "GIVE THEM BACK"

As you've read in previous Grassroots Alerts and in the article above, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, law-abiding citizens had their lawfully owned firearms confiscated by local officials. When citizens needed protection the most, they were stripped of their right to self-defense. As you also read above, President Bush recently signed NRA-backed legislation to ensure such travesties are never repeated.

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The NRA Foundation and the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund cosponsored the event with GMU's Law Students for the Second Amendment. Video of the event will be available soon at www.nraila.org --watch this Alert for updates!

### GRADES & ENDORSEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE ON NRA-PVF SITE!

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#### A LOOK AT THE STATES

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#### **CALIFORNIA**

On Tuesday, October 10, the City of Santa Clara withdrew its proposal to ban gun shows on city property. The City Council claimed it received a "huge volume" of e-mails from NRA Members across the State of California. A special thank you to all NRA members for your calls and e-mails against this threat to your Right to Keep and Bear Arms!

Also, on Saturday, October 21, at 9:00 a.m., the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), with assistance from PLINK, a cooperative program of the NRA Members Council, El Dorado Rod & Gun Club, and the USFS, will be cleaning up shot shells and targets from Tiger Creek Quarry. Volunteers are needed to preserve this valuable shooting sports resource. Volunteers will gather at the Firehouse Café in Diamond Springs at 7:30 a.m., for a complimentary breakfast prior to caravanning to the site. If you are unable to attend for breakfast, take Highway 88 about 18 miles east of Jackson to Buckorn, then turn south (right) on Tiger Creek Road. At the Reservoir, keep driving east above the PG&E houses on the one lane paved Salt Springs Road for a bit over one mile, then turn right 500 yards down into the quarry. To RSVP, please contact Steve Morgan at (530) 620-3946 or by e-mail at NRAPLINK@COMCAST.NET.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, are personally contacting every mayor in New Hampshire asking them to sign onto Mayor Bloomberg's New York-style gun control agenda. Please call your Mayor and find out if he/she has received such a call, then, discourage your mayor from signing onto this outrageous attack on your Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Then, please call the Gun Owners of New Hampshire at (603) 225-4664, and let them know whether or not your Mayor received that call. The following online links will help you find the contact information for your Mayor:

www.newhampshire.com/nh-towns/rochester.aspx,

www.directorynh.com/NHCities-Towns/NHCities&Towns.html, and www.nh.gov/municipal/index.html. Citizens throughout New Hampshire are counting on you to contact your Mayor TODAY!

#### **NEW JERSEY**

On October 11, by a vote of 6 to 2, the Jersey City Council passed Ordinance #06-116. This was Jersey City's latest attempt to rewrite its illegal "one-gun-amonth" law, which passed in June and is the subject of a pre-emption lawsuit commenced by the Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs. The two votes against the rationing scheme came from Councilman Michael Sottolano (Email: sottolanom@jcnj.org; Phone: (201) 547-5098), and Councilwoman Viola Richardson (E-mail: rıchardsonv@icni.org: Phone: (201) 547-5338). Although Councilwoman Richardson originally supported the ordinance in June, she expressed doubts about its effectiveness at reducing crime and changed her vote at the October 11 Council meeting. Members are encouraged to contact Councilman Sottolano and Councilwoman Richardson and thank them for their courage and integrity. The new ordinance was apparently intended to correct technical defects in the original law, but failed to address the law's fatal defectthe fact that it is pre-empted by New Jersey state law and violates equal protection. It continues to leave Jersey City residents unable to defend themselves if their firearm requires repair or is stolen within four weeks of purchase. The new ordinance goes even further than the original by adding a new provision making Jersey City residents criminals if they lawfully purchase, or even apply to purchase, more than one handgun within 30 days. It further targets Jersey City's federal firearm licensees by imposing an impossible burden of trying to ascertain whether a purchaser has, in fact, purchased or made application to purchase a handgun within the previous 30 days. The Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs (NRA's New Jersey State affiliate) will continue to challenge the illegal ordinance in Court. Jersey City continues to be defended for free by a private law firm whose services were secured by CeaseFire New Jersey.

Also, the Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs' annual meeting banquet will be held tomorrow, Saturday, October 14, 2006, at 6.00 p.m., at the Ramada Inn Somerset, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873. The event is being

combined with a Friends of NRA dinner and auction, and will feature remarks from New Jersey's leading Second Amendment activists. The auction portion of the event will feature unique collectible merchandise, and half the proceeds will be donated back to New Jersey shooters by the NRA Foundation. Tickets are \$40 (please contact John Coakley at jacnraci@hotmail.com or (908) 812-1664).

#### **NEW YORK**

Please note that, due to a scheduling conflict, the New Hartford "Mix N' Mingle," which was originally scheduled for October 5, has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2006! The location remains the same — the Holiday Inn Utica, located at 1777 Burrstone Road, New Hartford, NY 13413. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you and hope you will still be able to attend. If you are no longer able to attend, please contact us ASAP at (800) 392-8683. If you still plan to attend, you do not need to do anything, and we'll see you on October 19.

In addition, the Shooters' Committee on Political Education (SCOPE) will be holding its 41st Annual "SCOPE Awards Banquet," tomorrow, Saturday, October 14, 2006. Featured speakers will include NRA Second Vice President Ron Schmeits, and several local speakers. The Banquet will be held at the Diplomat Banquet Center, 1956 Lyell Avenue (same as 1 Diplomat Way), Rochester, NY 14606, from 5:30-11:00 p.m. For tickets, reservations, and more information, please visit <a href="http://www.scopeny.org/banquet.html">http://www.scopeny.org/banquet.html</a>, or contact Ken Mathison by phone at: (585) 663-8741, or by mail at: PO Box 12711, Rochester, NY 14612. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now!

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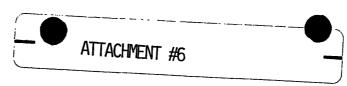
The Loudoun County Friends of NRA Committee invites you to attend its annual banquet and auction. This event includes a live auction, silent auction, games, raffles, and prize drawings. Proceeds benefit The NRA Foundation and provide funding for shooting-sports-related grants. Come out and join your fellow NRA

supporters for an evening of fun while raising money for Friends of NRA. The event is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, at the Leesburg Holiday Inn-Carradoc Hall, 1500 East Market Street, in Leesburg. Tickets are limited and are on sale now, \$40 per person and \$70 per couple. Sponsorships are also available. For additional information or to purchase tickets, please contact Brooke Berthelsen by phone at 703-267-1354 or by e-mail at bberthelsen@nrahq.org.

Also, please join the Virginia Shooting Sports Association, and guest speaker, Cam Edwards, host of NRANews.com, for its Annual Meeting and Banquet at 6:00 p.m., tomorrow, October 14. This year's Banquet is being held at Hunter Motel and Restaurant, 8100 Loisdale Road, Newington, VA. For more information, please visit www.myvssa.org/annualmeeting1006.htm.

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